

# NEW EW STATES IN PLAIN SIGHT

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# OR HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND LOVE SM MEASUREMENTS

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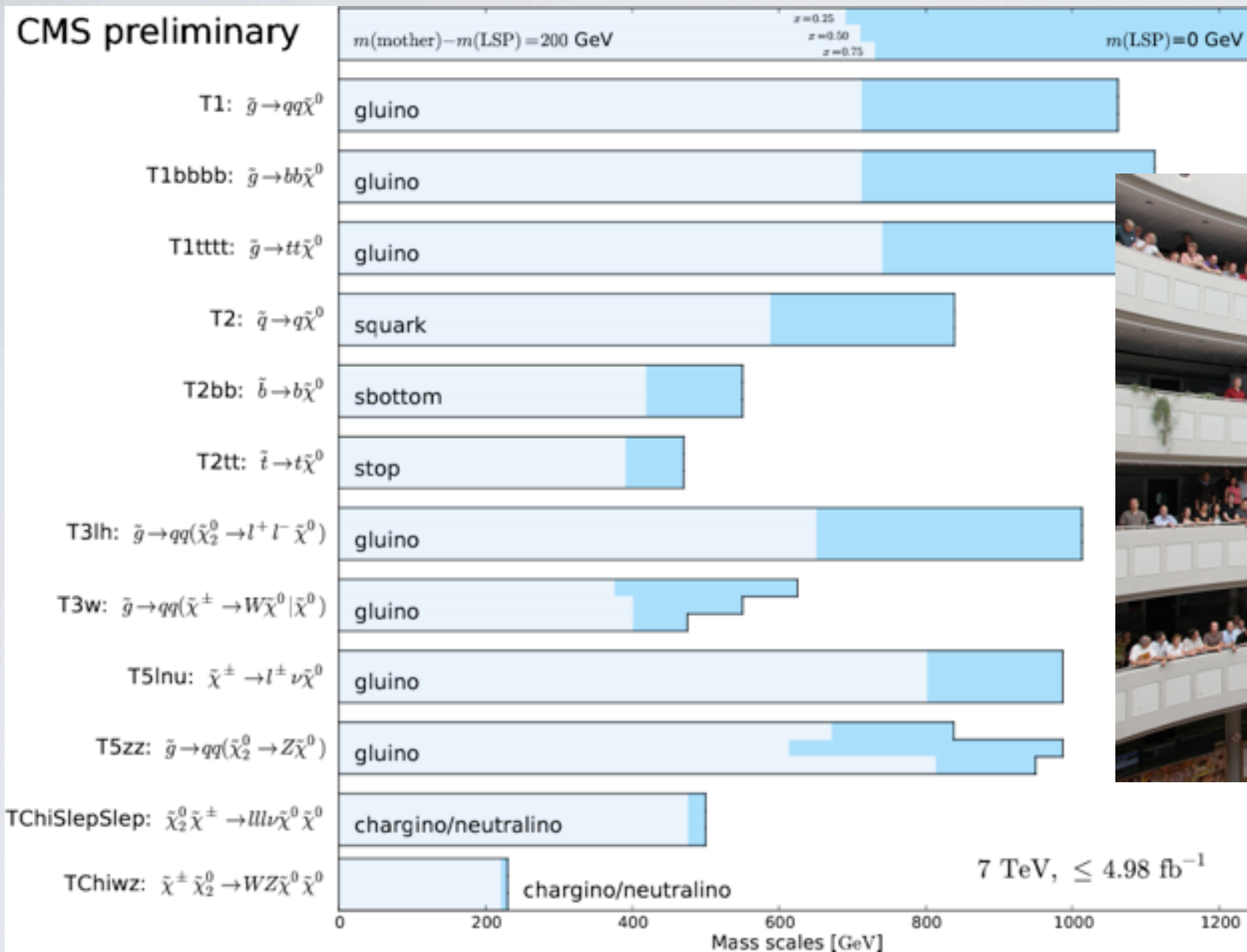


# OUTLINE: A FAIRY TALE WITH CONSEQUENCES

- Experimental hints of nothing or something...
- New EW states to explain
- Constraints
- Other explanations?

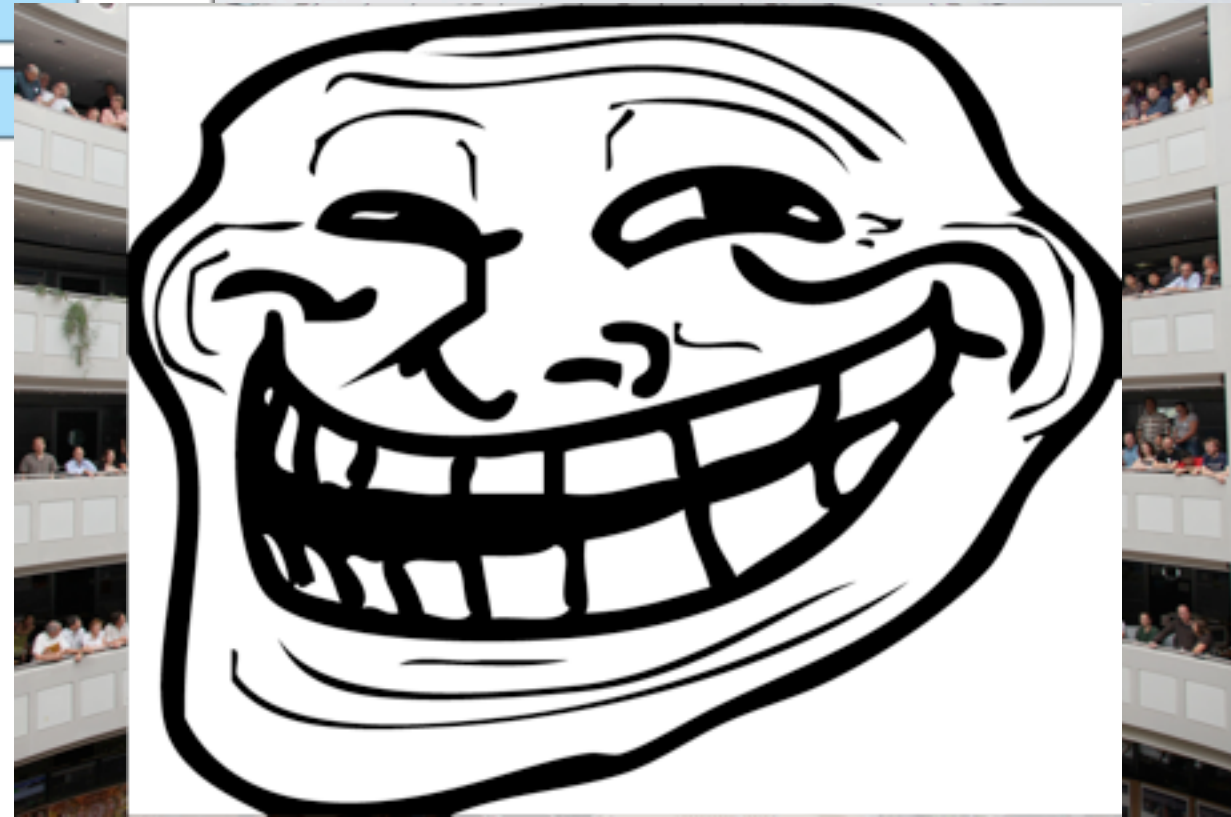
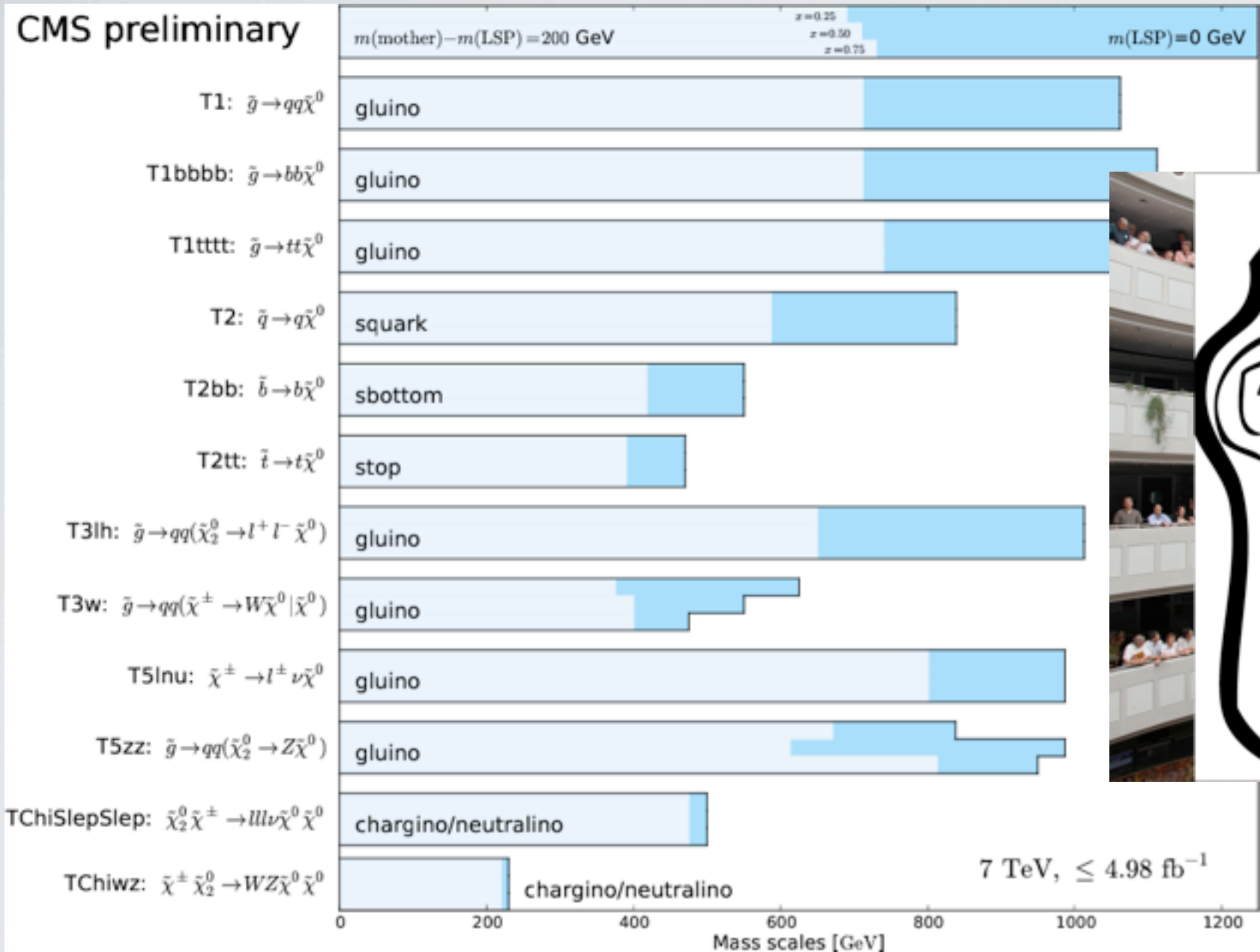
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CMS preliminary





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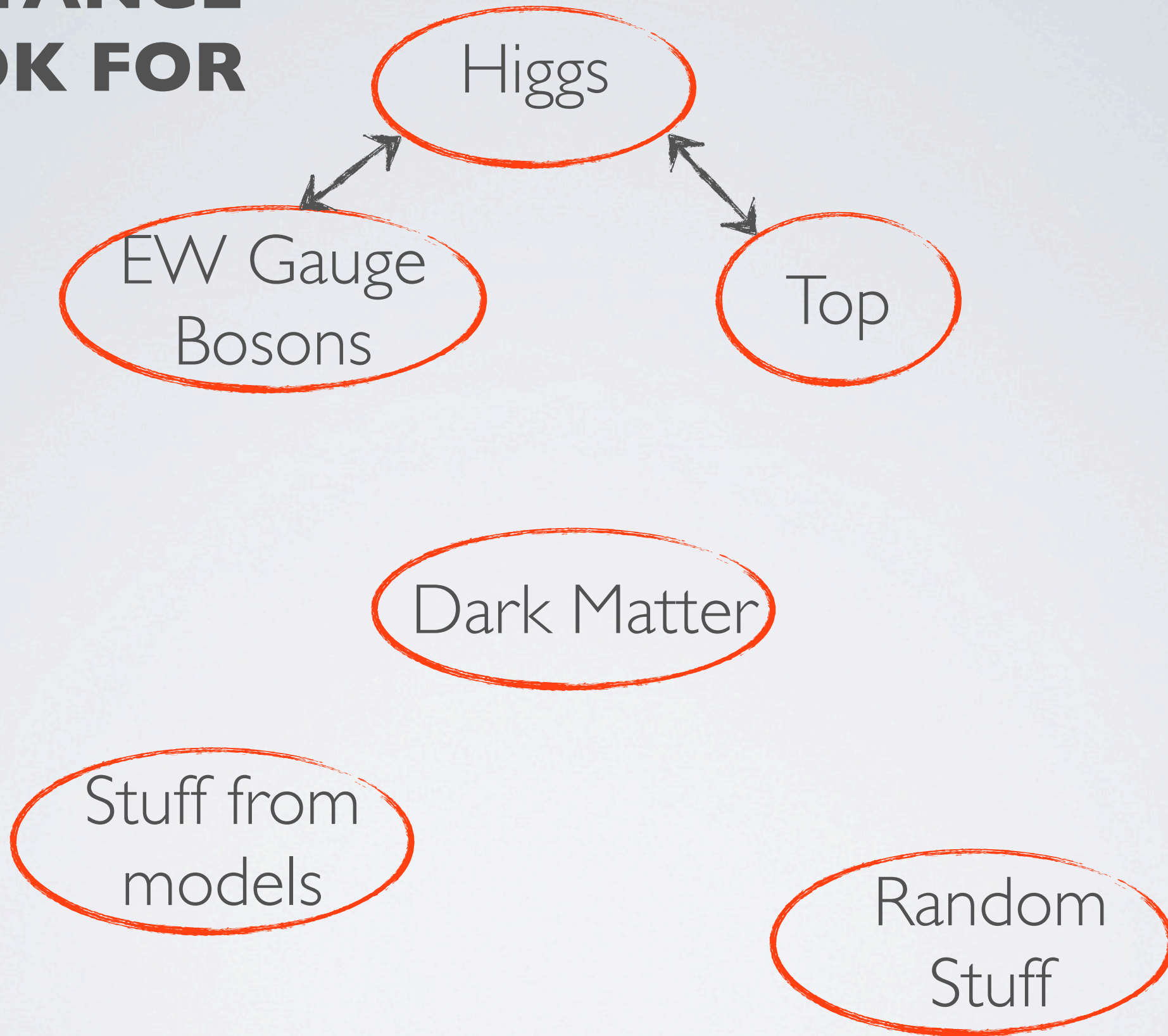




# WHERE'S THE ~~BEEF~~? NEW PHYSICS?

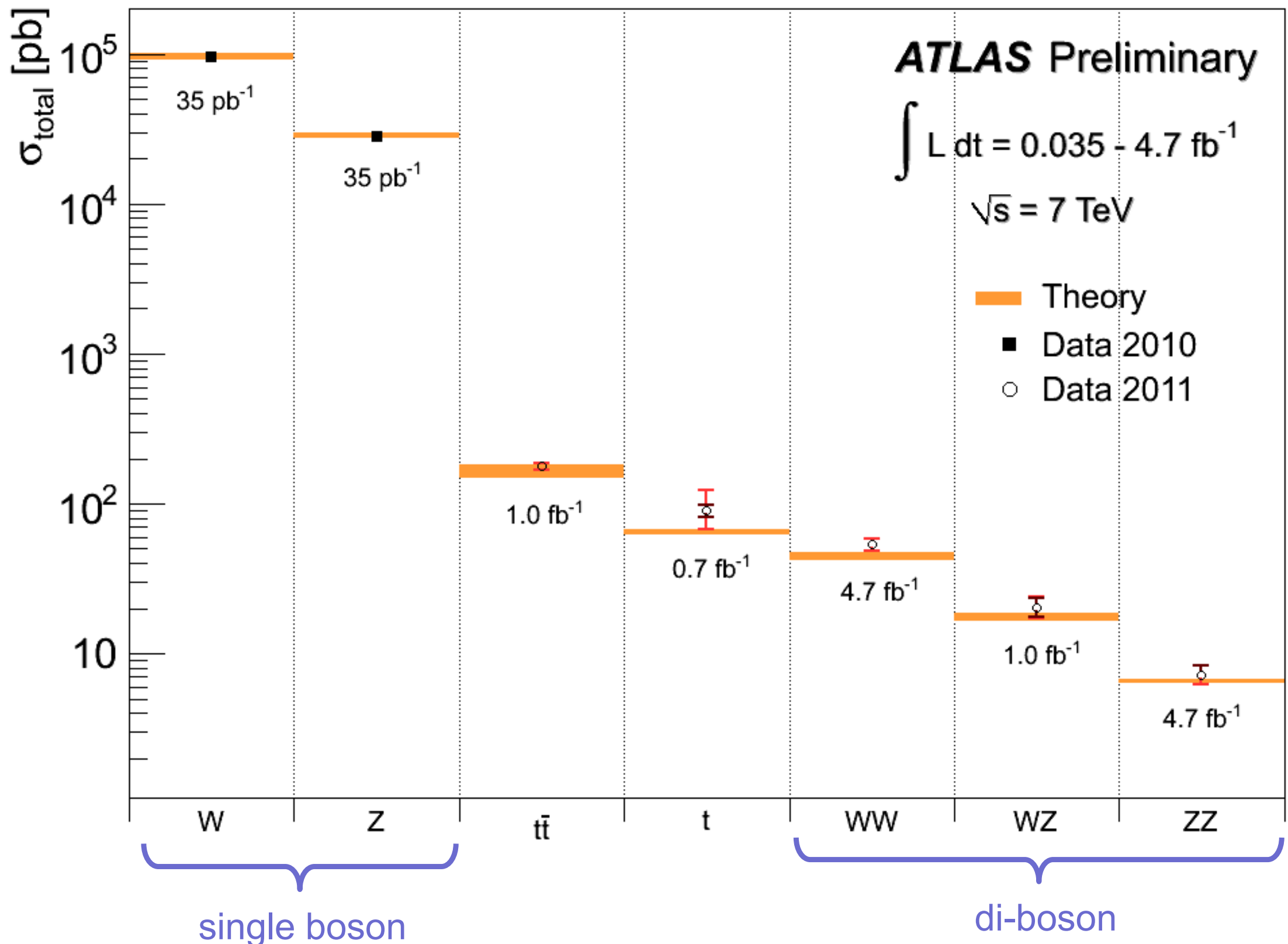


# IMPORTANCE TO LOOK FOR





# SM CROSS SECTION PLOT



- Very similar agreement with (N)NLO predictions is observed by CMS

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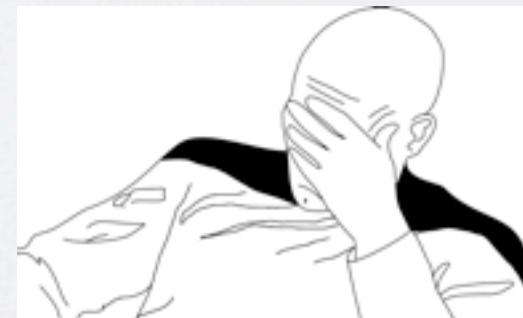
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# WW CROSS SEC MEASUREMENTS

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CMS 7

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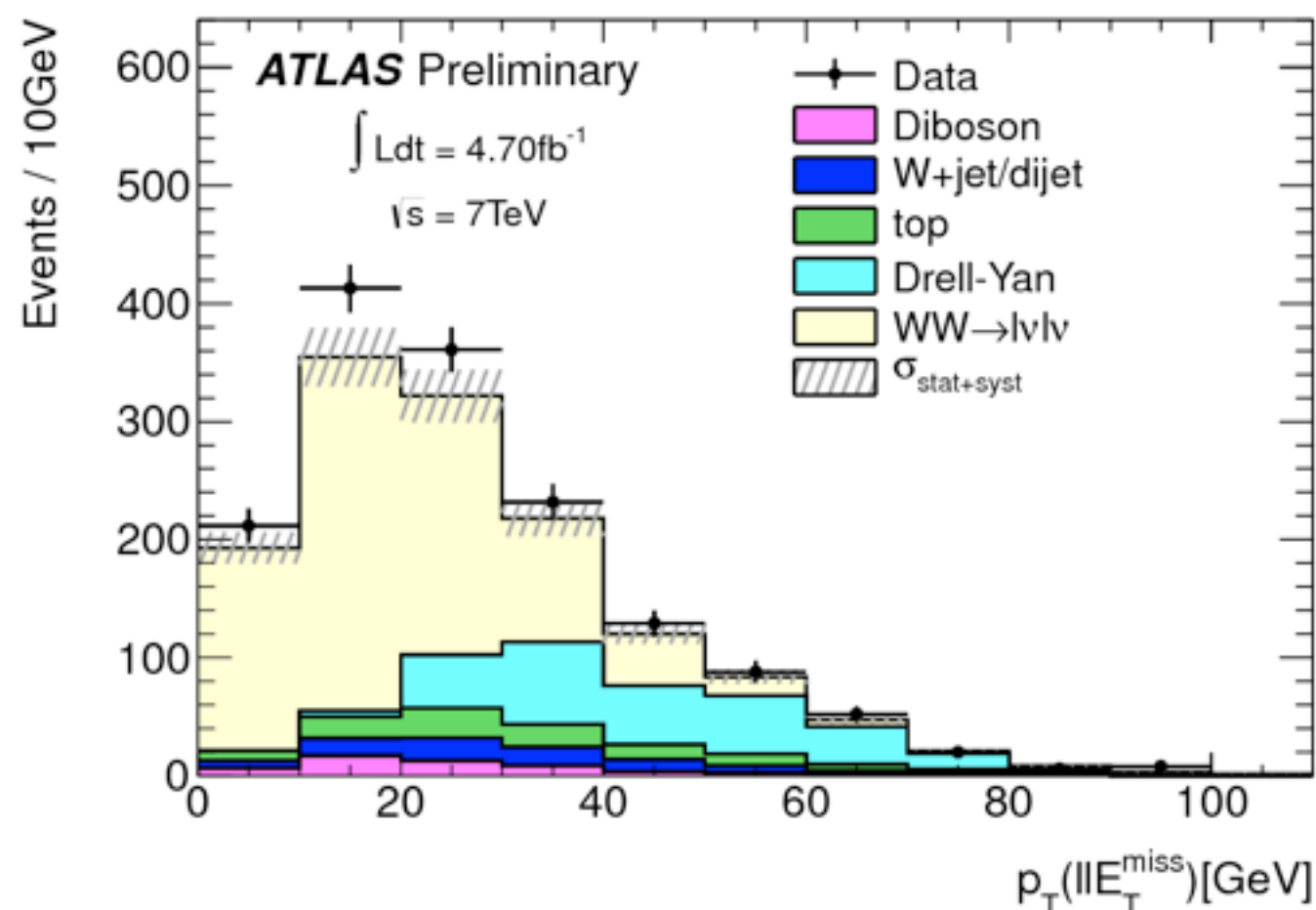
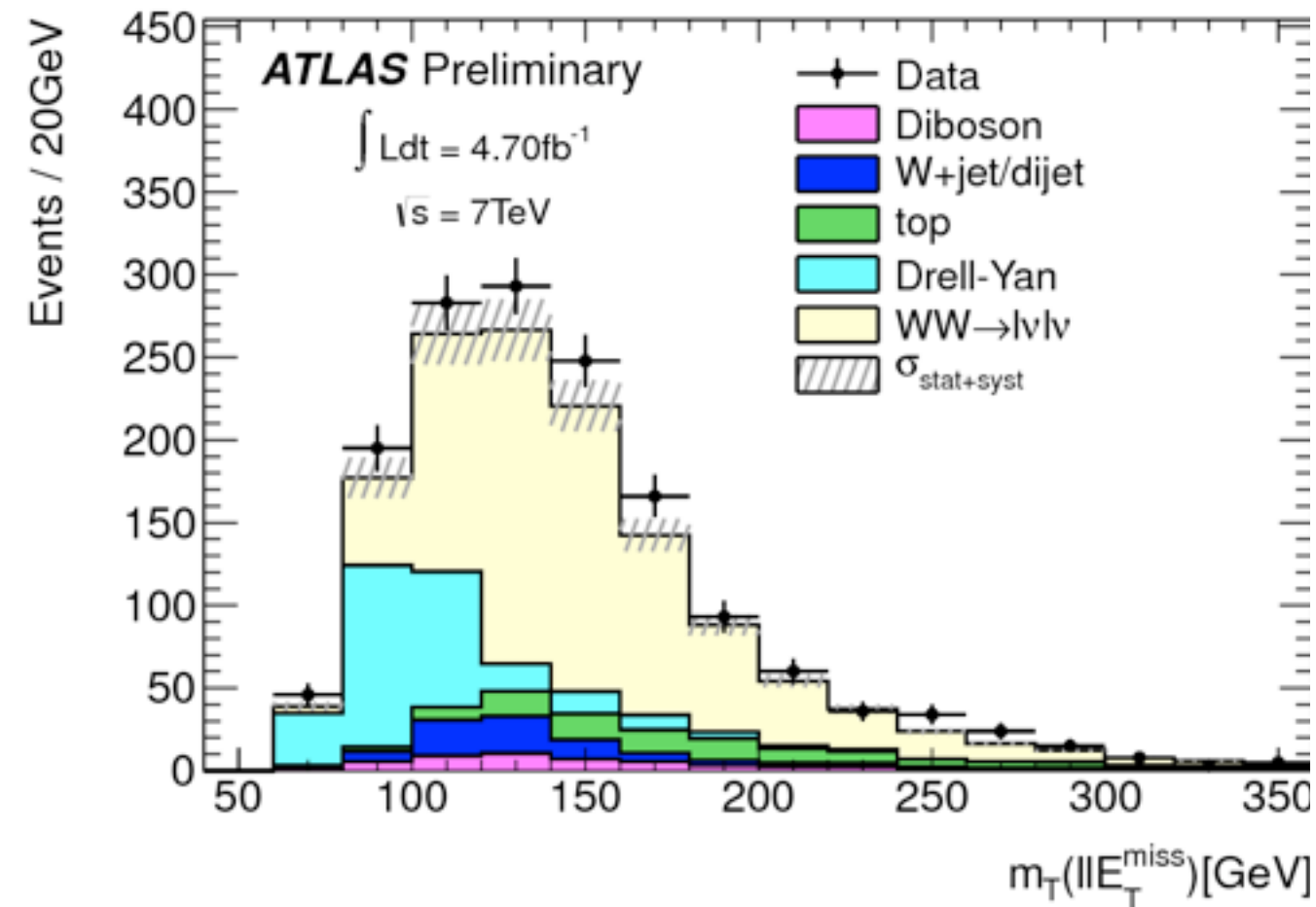
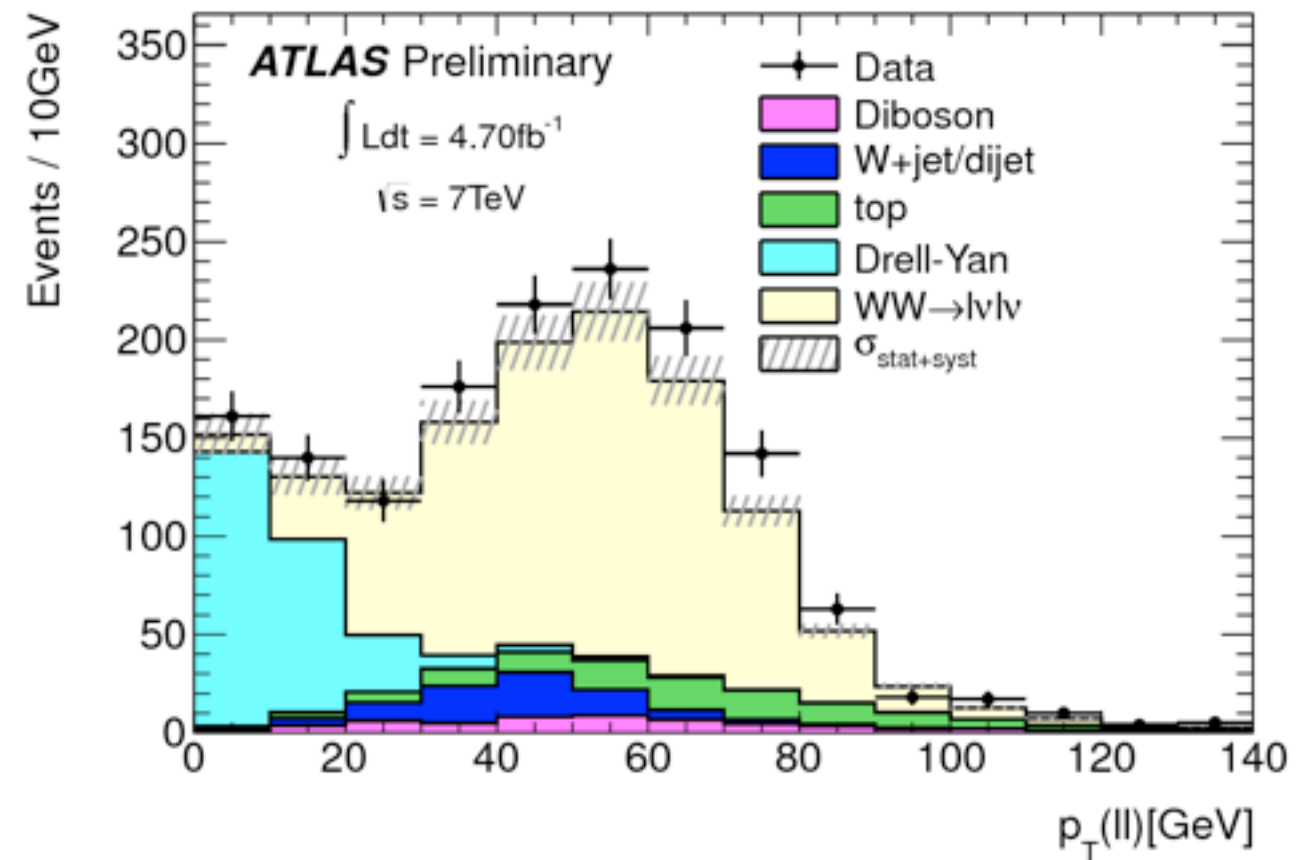
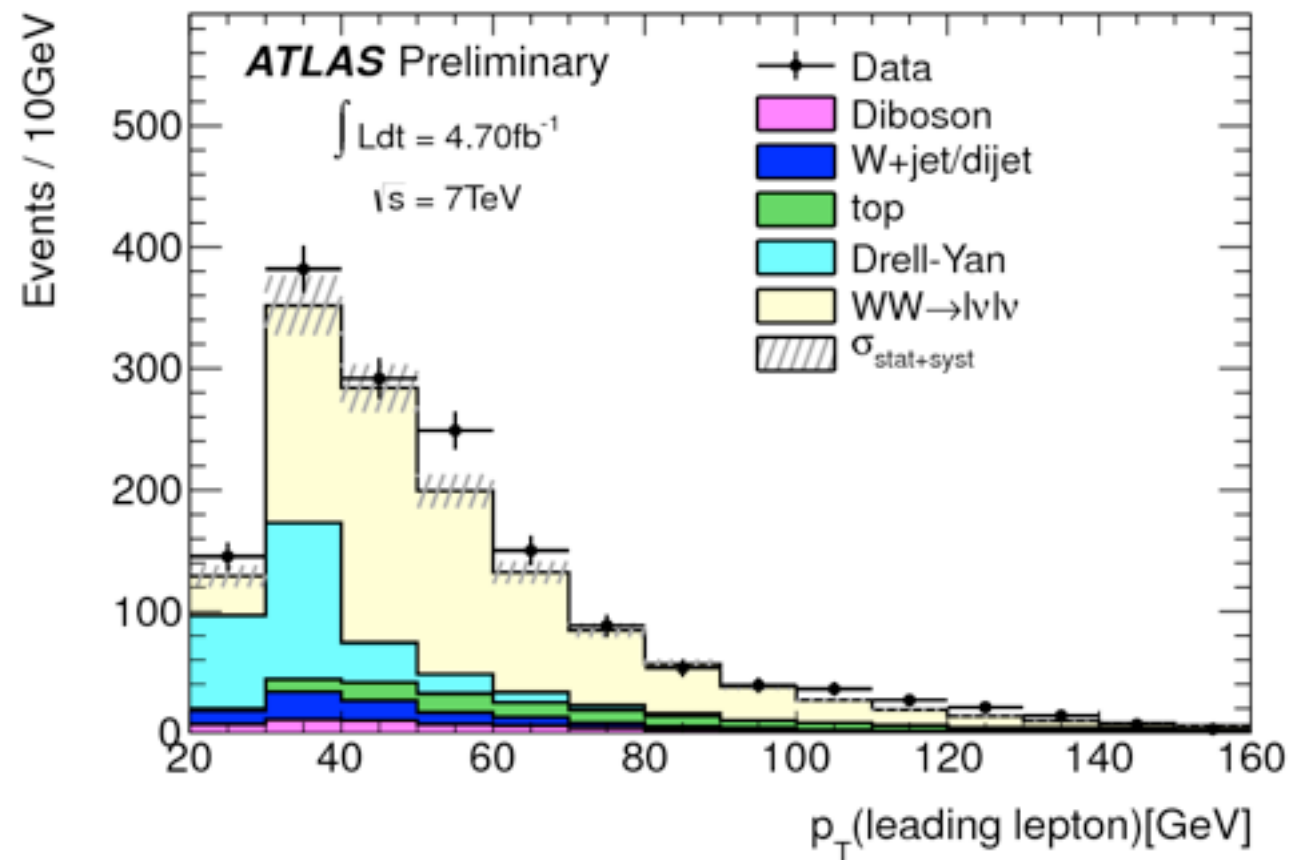
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*1.4 $\sigma$  and  $1\sigma$ , this is an  
anomaly???*

ATLAS and CMS are more  
consistent with each other than the SM...

**NOT just a “rate” anomaly**





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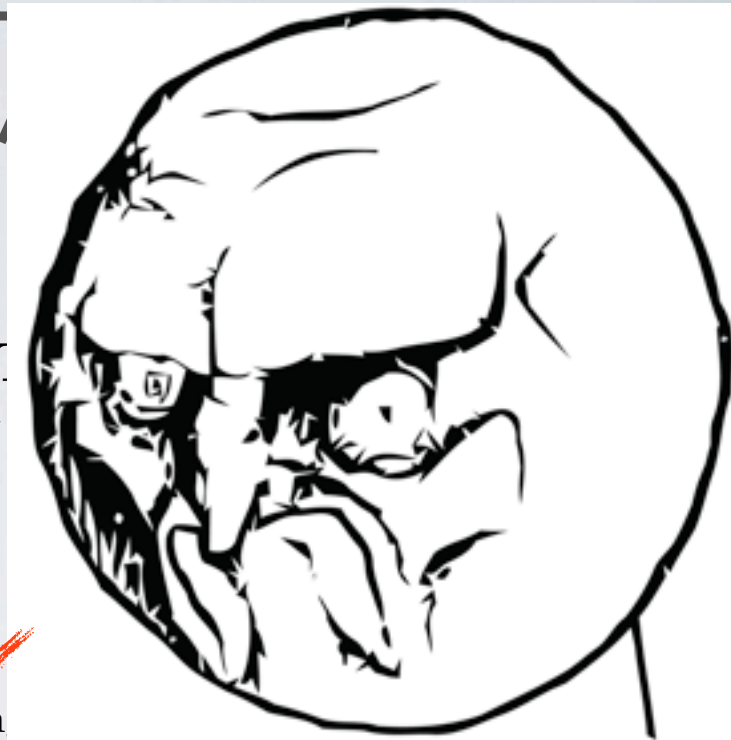


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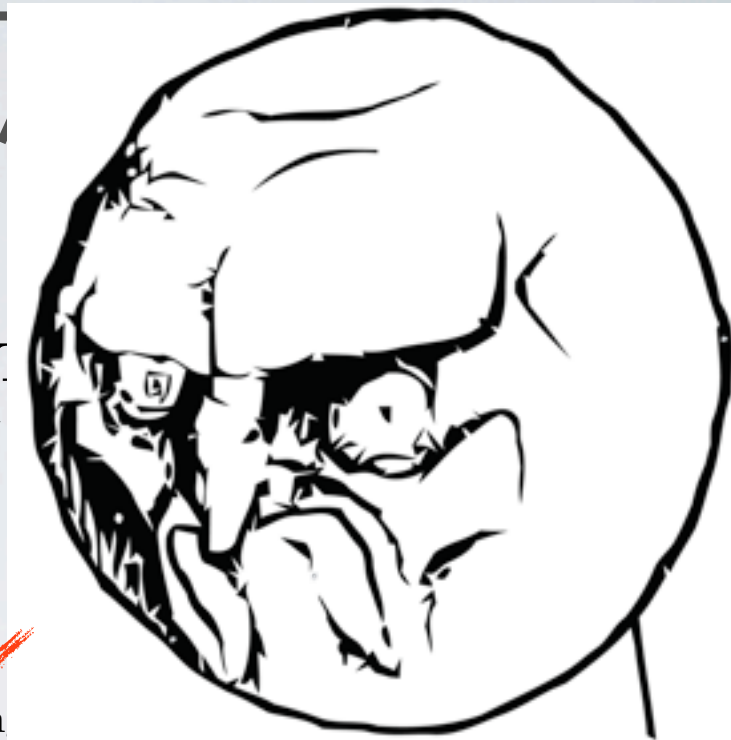
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**NO.**

Three different SM cross sections @ 7 TeV have been given: 45.1, 47, 44.7

Better agreement needed on what to use





# CMS 8 TeV 3.5/FB

WW $\rightarrow$ 2 $\ell$ 2 $\nu$  at 8 TeV: systematics & results



$$\sigma = 69.9 \pm 2.8 \text{ (stat)} \pm 5.6 \text{ (sys)} \pm 3.1 \text{ (lum)} \text{ pb}$$

$$\text{NLO prediction (MCFM): } 57.25 \left( {}^{+2.35}_{-1.60} \right) \text{ pb}$$

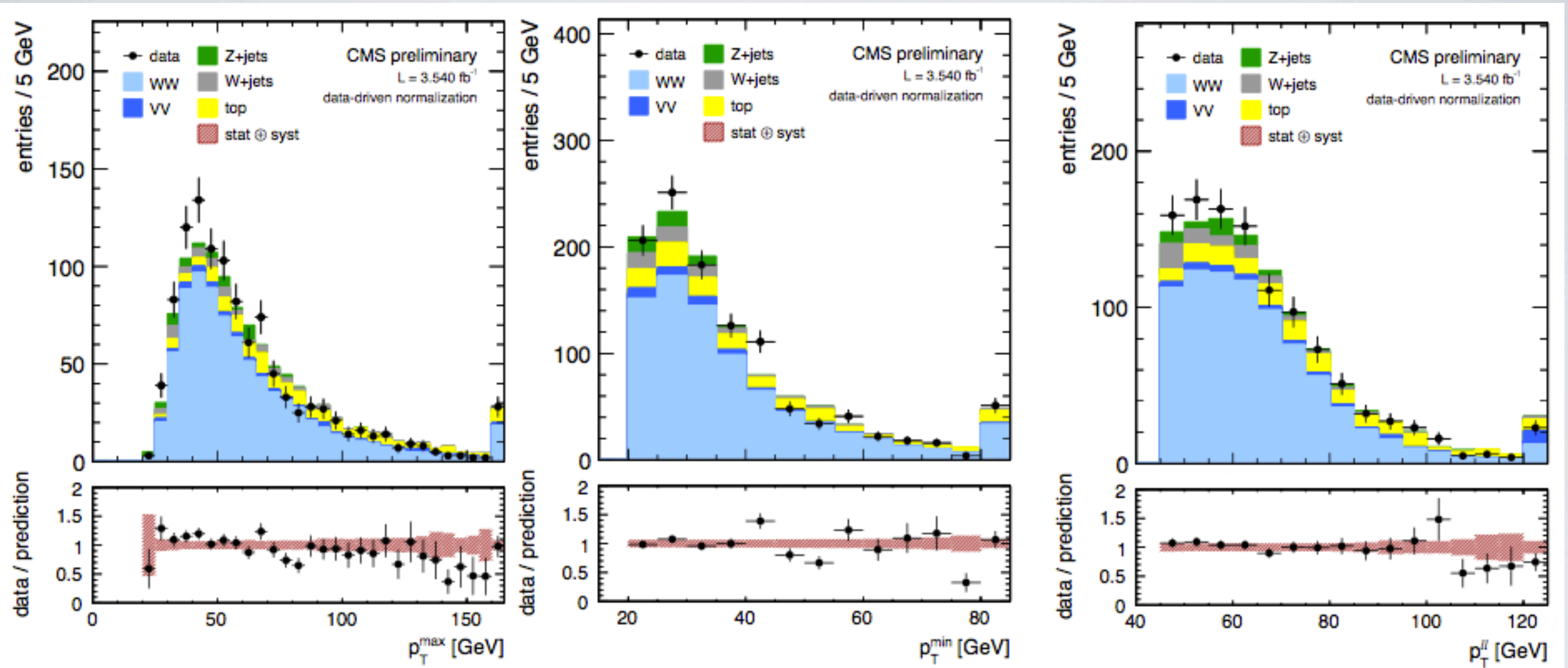
- **Already 4% statistical precision**
- **About 1.8 $\sigma$  higher than the NLO prediction**

**It grows at 8 TeV even faster!**

$$\left. \frac{\sigma(8)}{\sigma(7)} \right|_{\text{th}} = 1.21$$

$$\left. \frac{\sigma(8)}{\sigma(7)} \right|_{\text{exp}} = 1.33$$

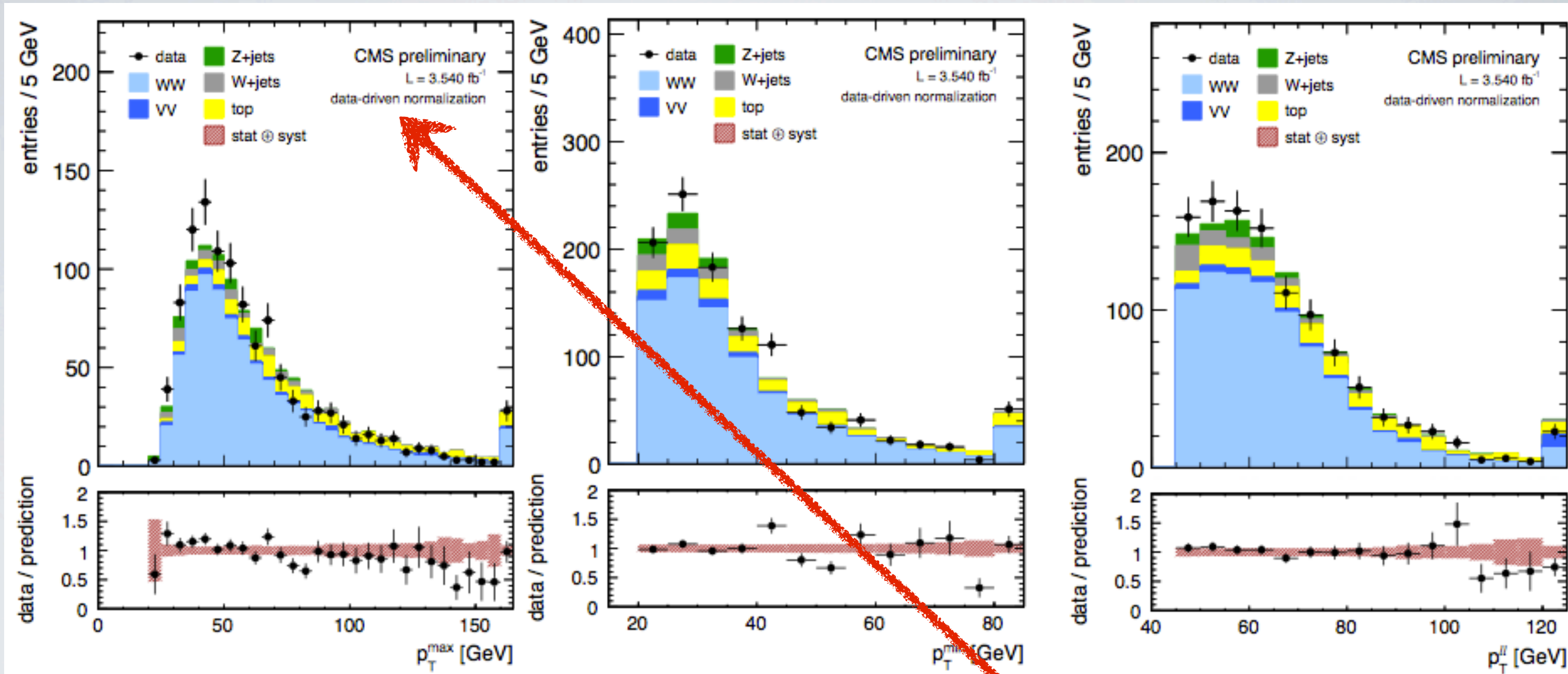
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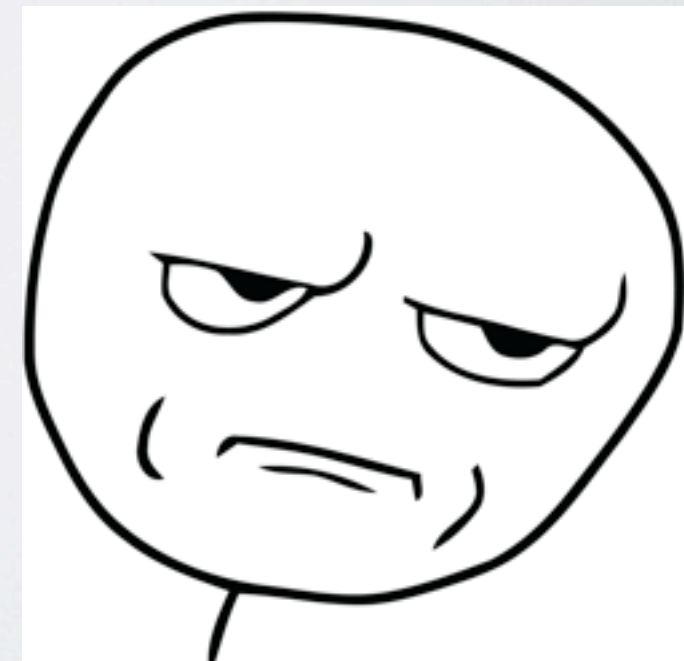
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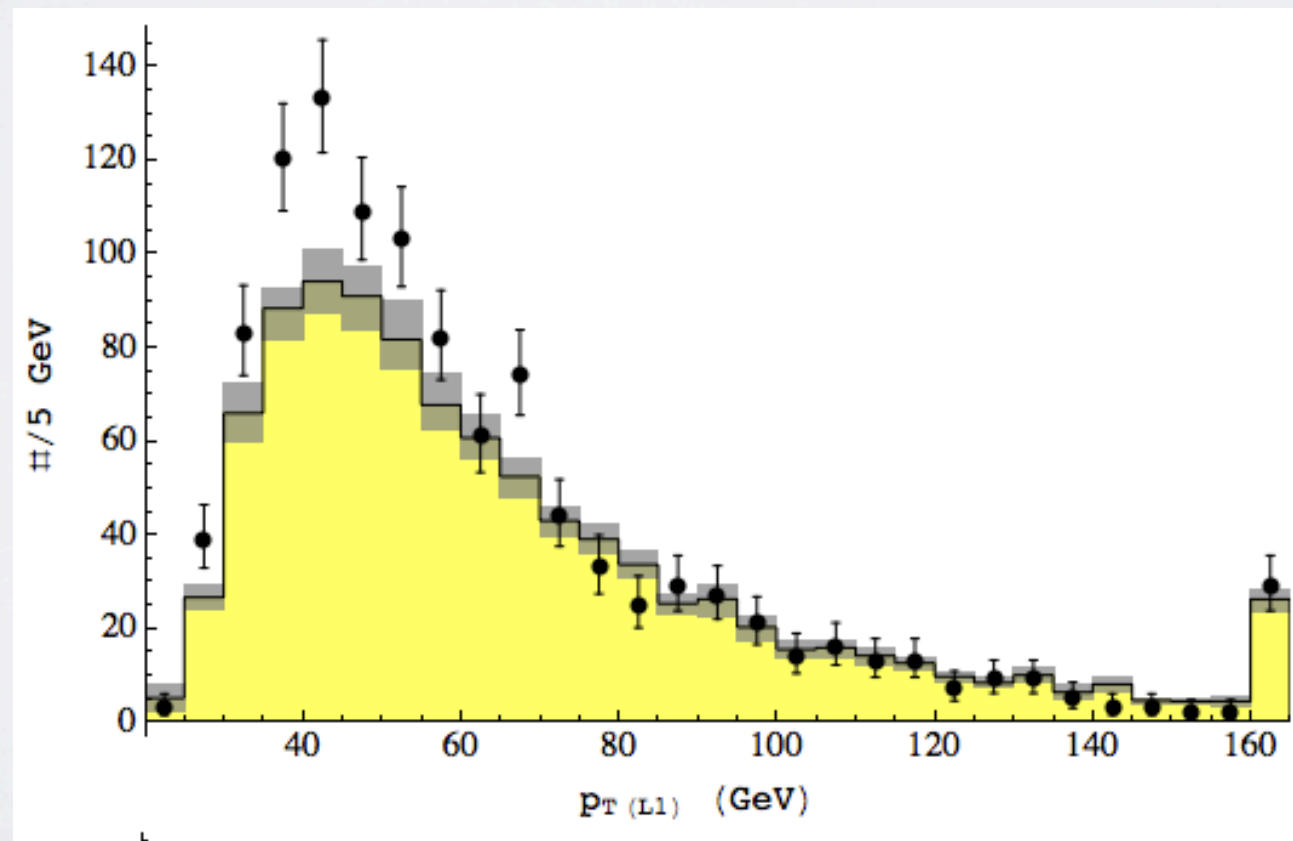
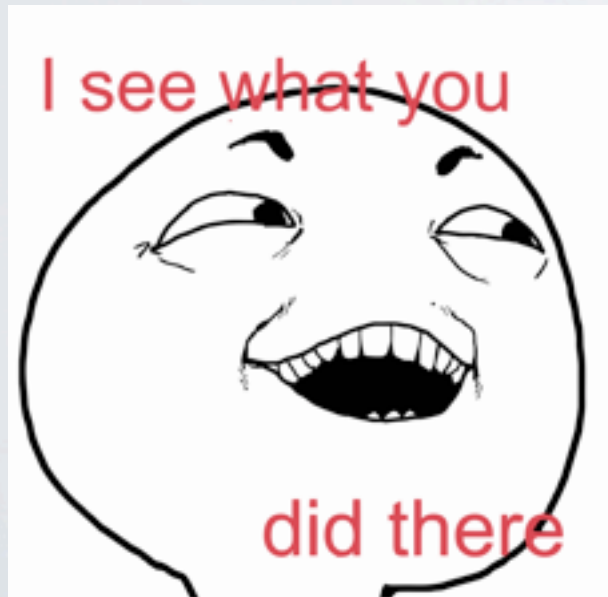
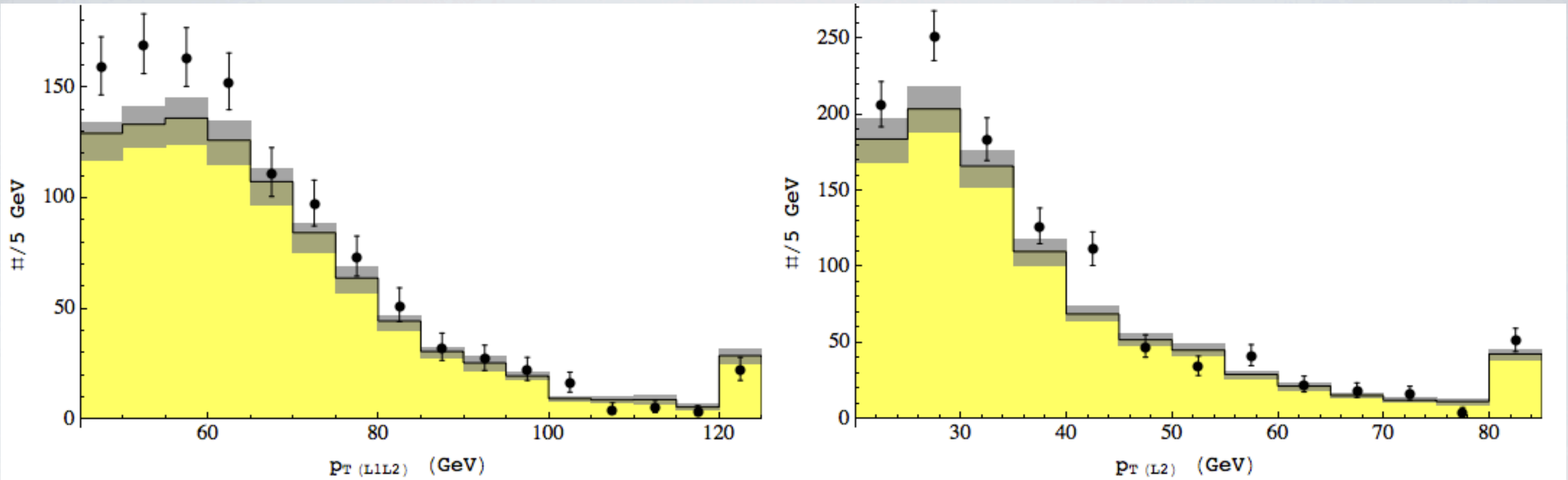
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# NO EXTRA NORMALIZATION...

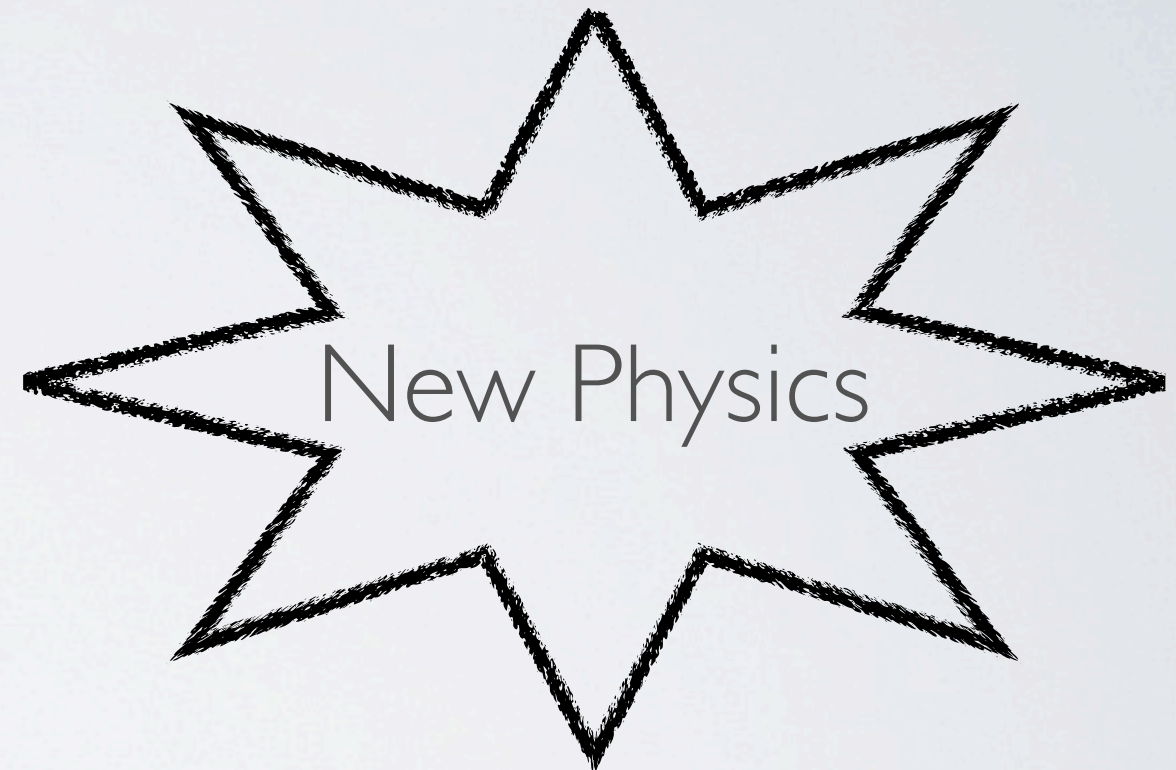




Upward fluctuations in all measurements **or** a trend?

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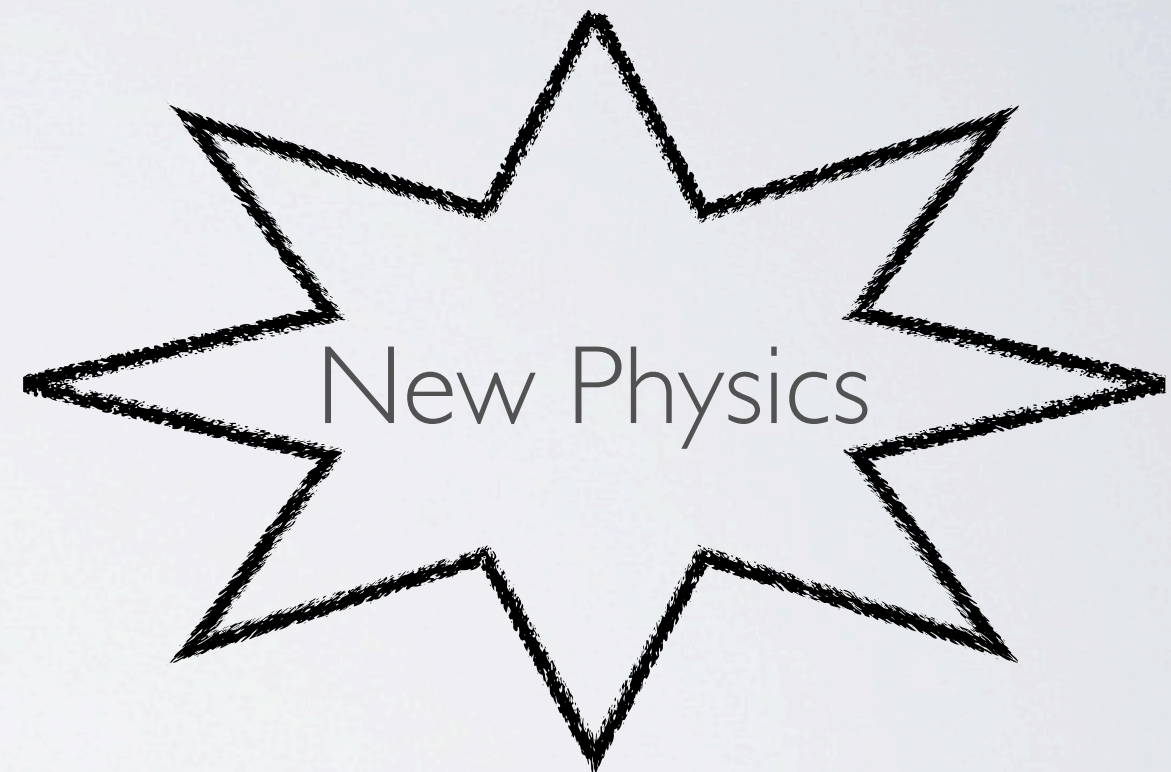
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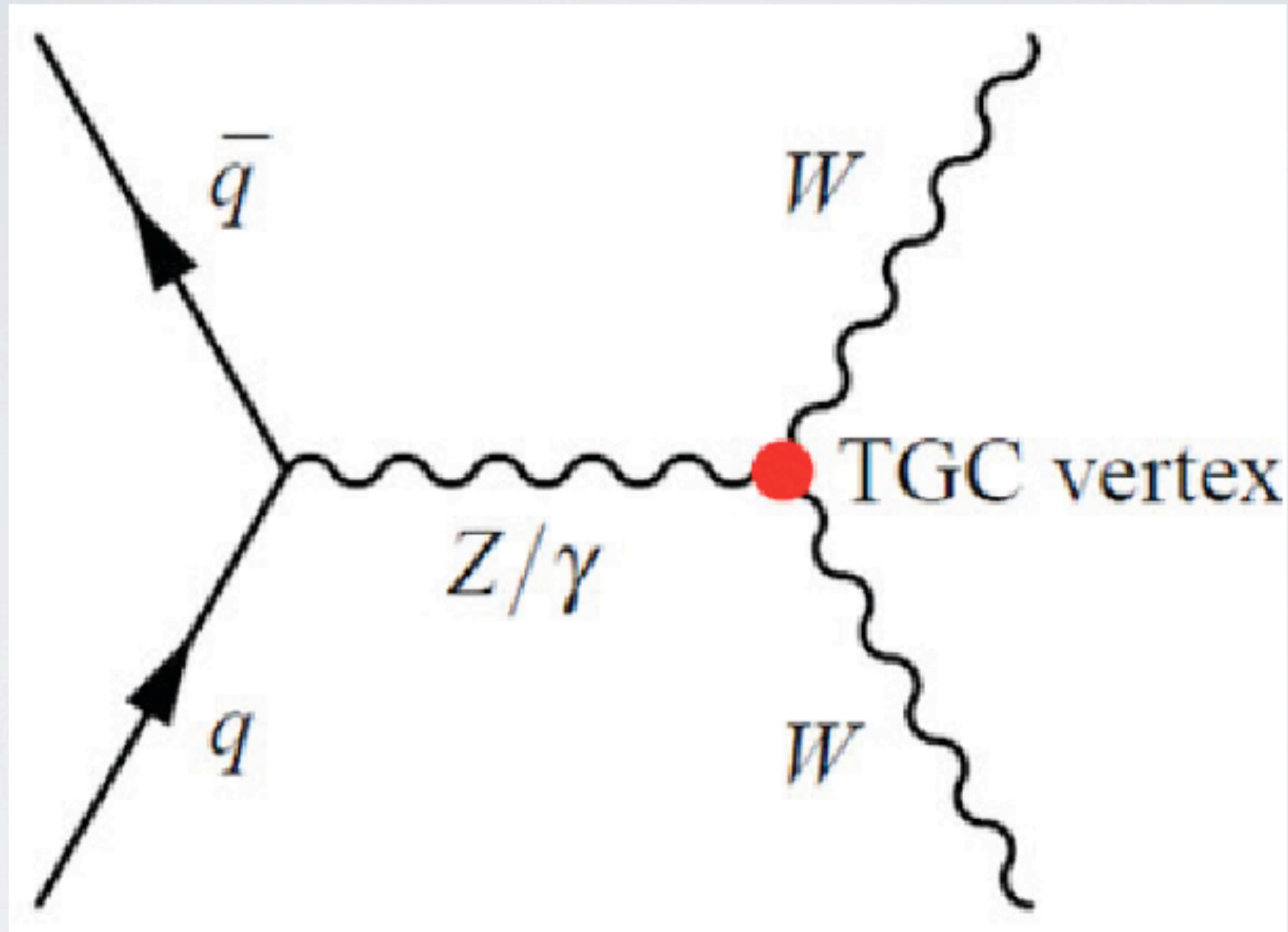
Will come back to the less traveled one  
and that of course may make all the difference...



# INGREDIENTS FOR BSM EXPLANATION

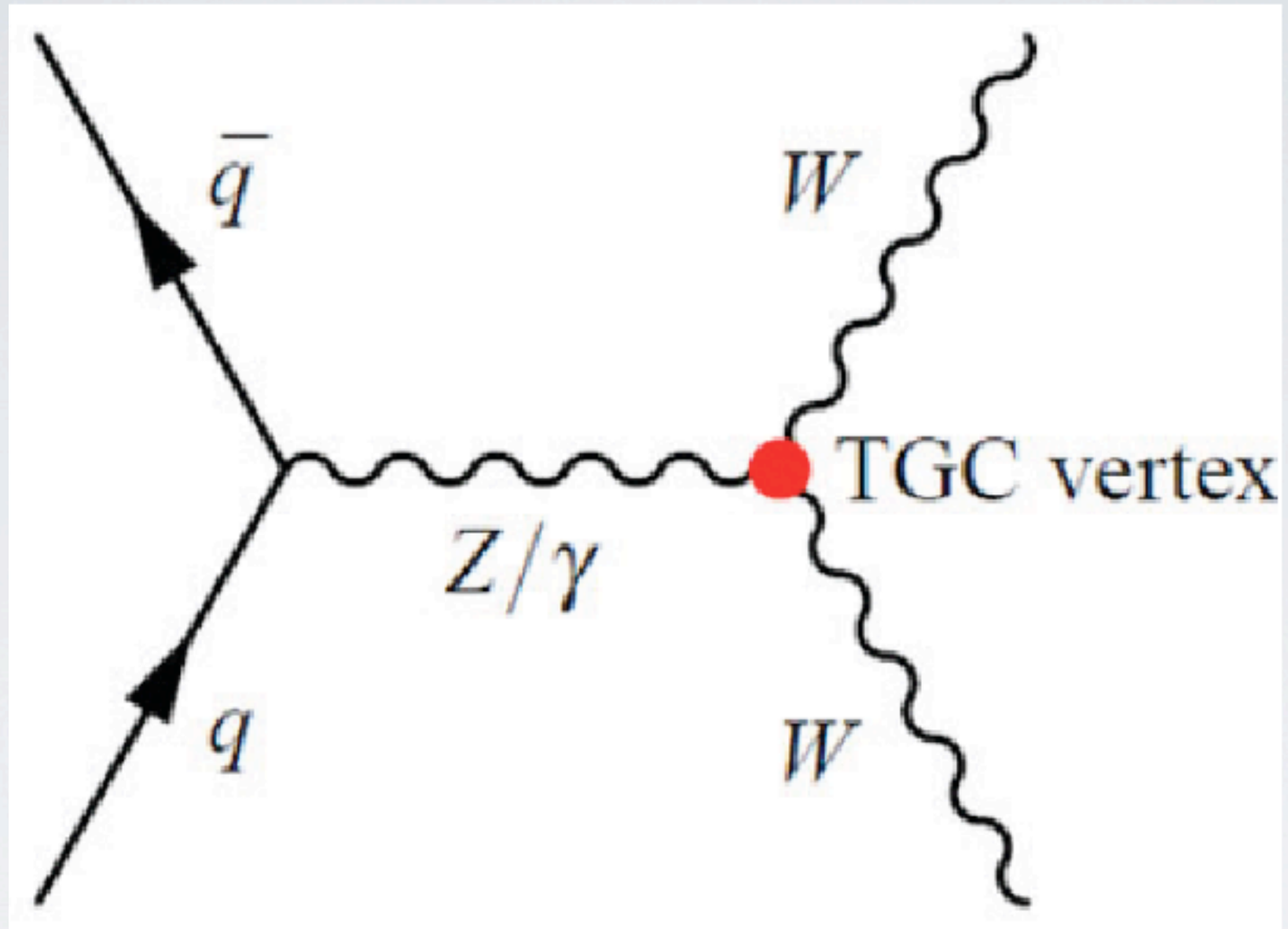
- ATLAS and CMS both measure OS dileptons + MET **with** a jet VETO
- Final state needs to be OS leptons+MET with *nothing* else essentially
- Does **NOT** imply there have to be **REAL W's**
  - Doesn't hurt either if there are!

# AN EXPLANATION?





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NO!

# NEW PHYSICS EXPLANATION

- Measurement is 2 leptons + MET so we need this... (jet veto)
- Kinematics **similar** to WW of SM
- Need a cross section of a few pb to make a difference

What does all this and more? EW GAUGINOS!!



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## Popular physics theory running out of hiding places



**By Pallab Ghosh**  
Science correspondent, BBC News

**Researchers at the Large Hadron Collider have detected one of the rarest particle decays seen in nature.**

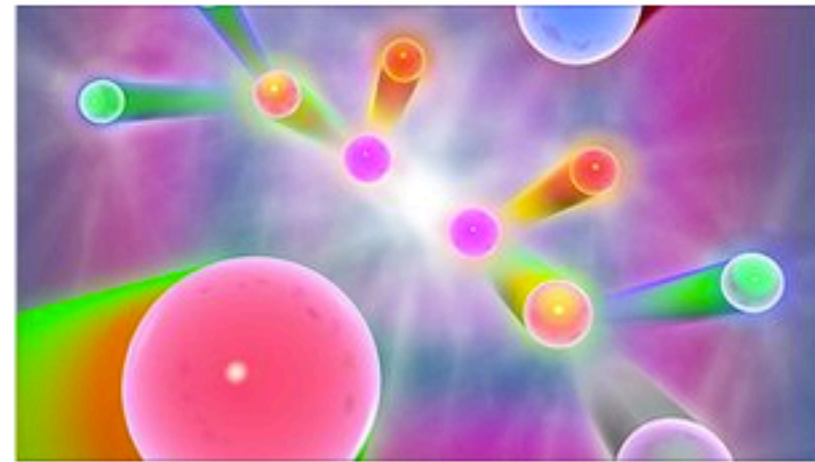
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Supersymmetry predicts heavy versions of all the particles we know about - "super particles"

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## *No Deeper Commentary Intended...*

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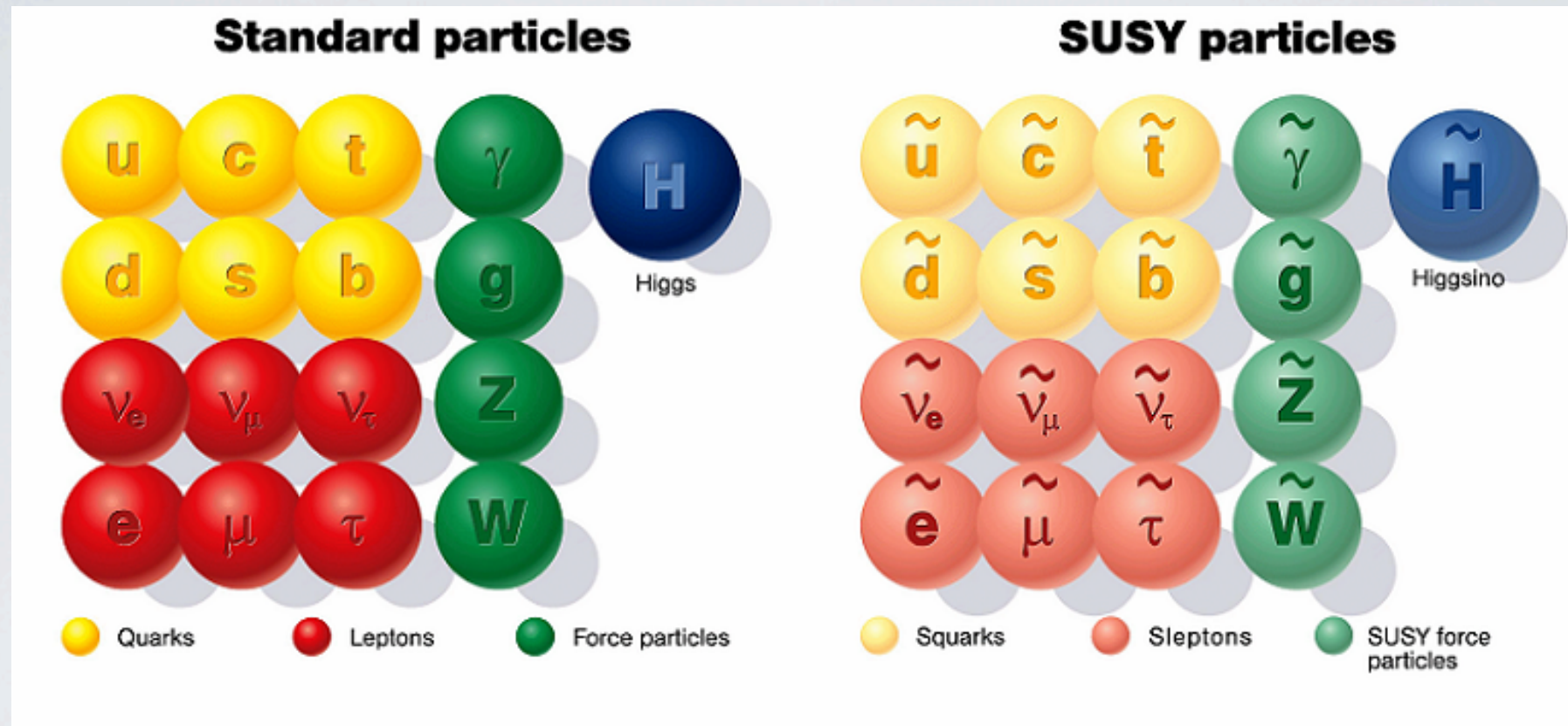
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# SUSY??



We've found ALMOST half of the particles...



# SUSY (MET) PRE LHC

———— 300 GeV - colored  
(Tevatron) particles

———— 100 GeV EW  
(LEP) States

# SUSY (MET) LHC

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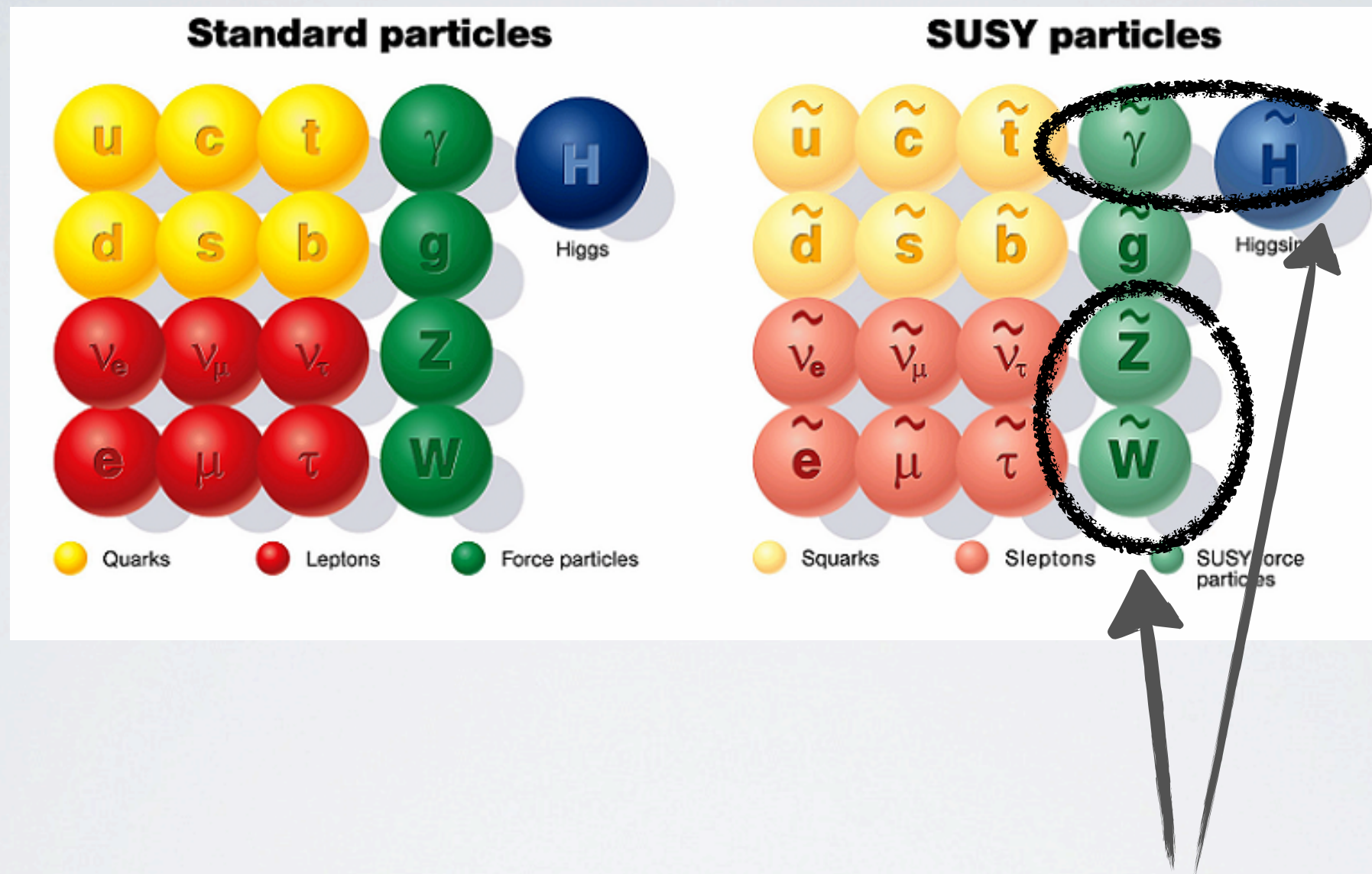
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***Just starting to enter  
into EW game***

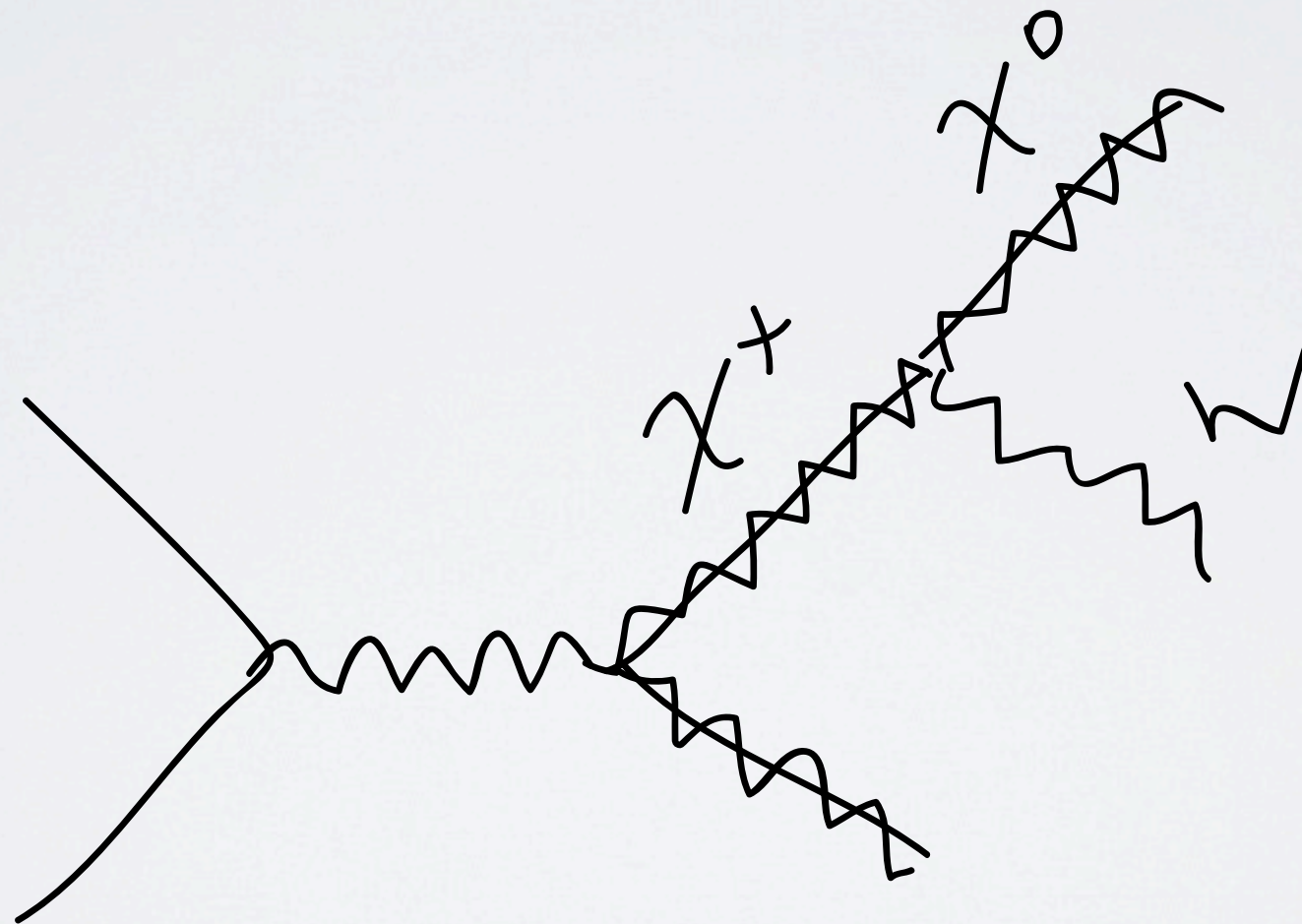


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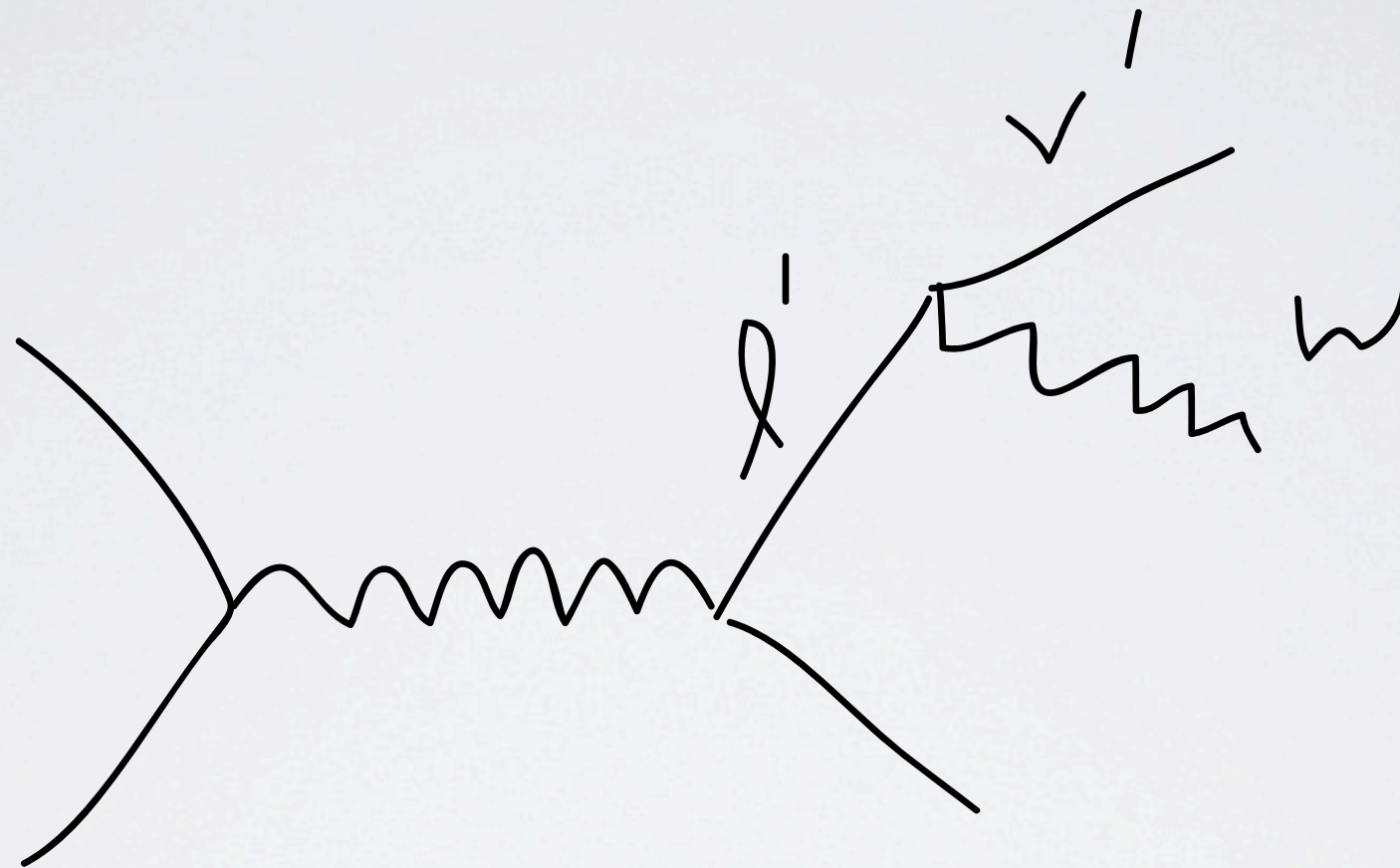
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# EXAMPLE TOPOLOGIES FOR WW+MET



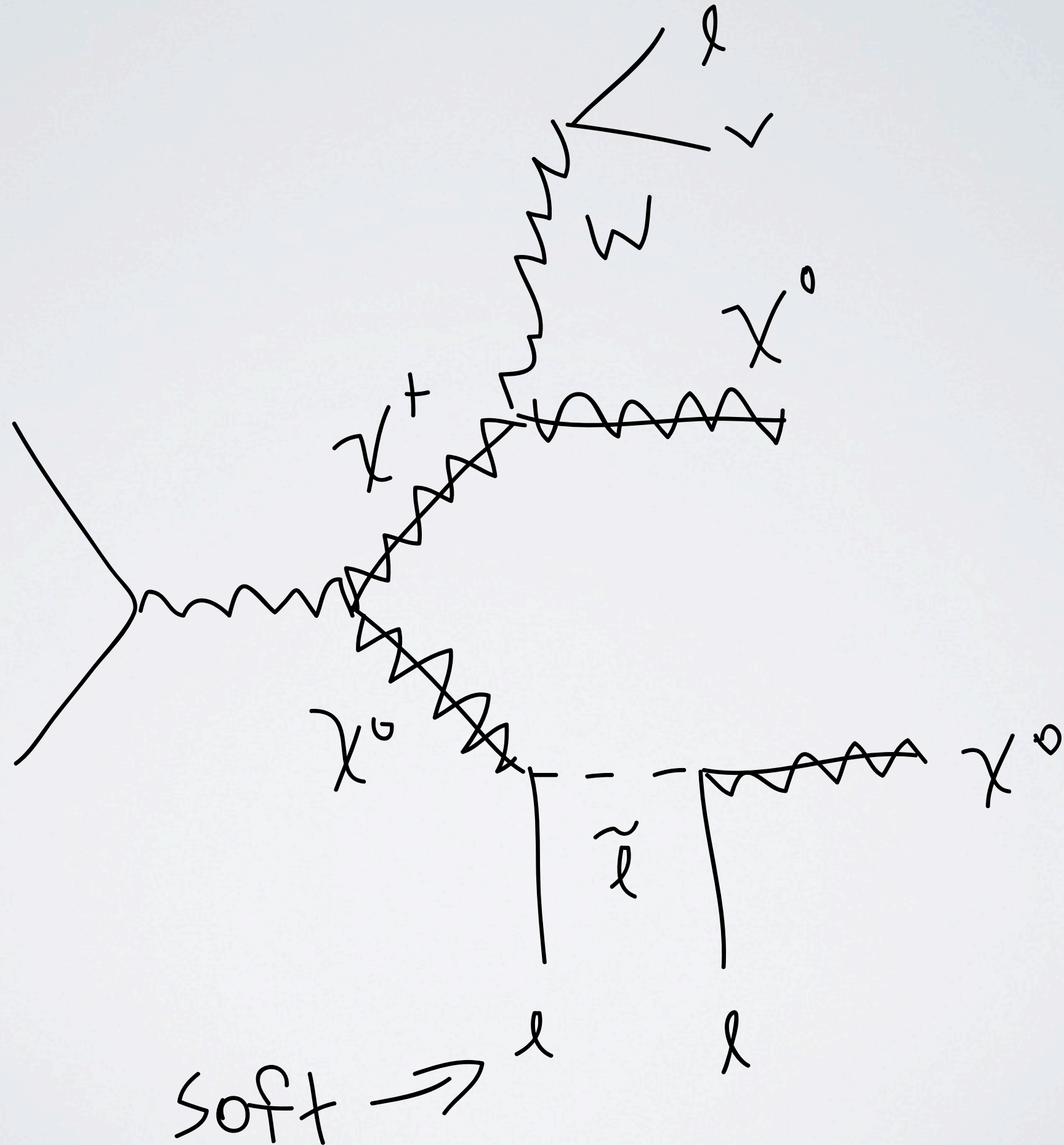


# DON'T LIKE SUSY??



“Heavy Lepton”

# SUSY HAS OTHER OPTIONS





# GRAVITY SPECTRUM

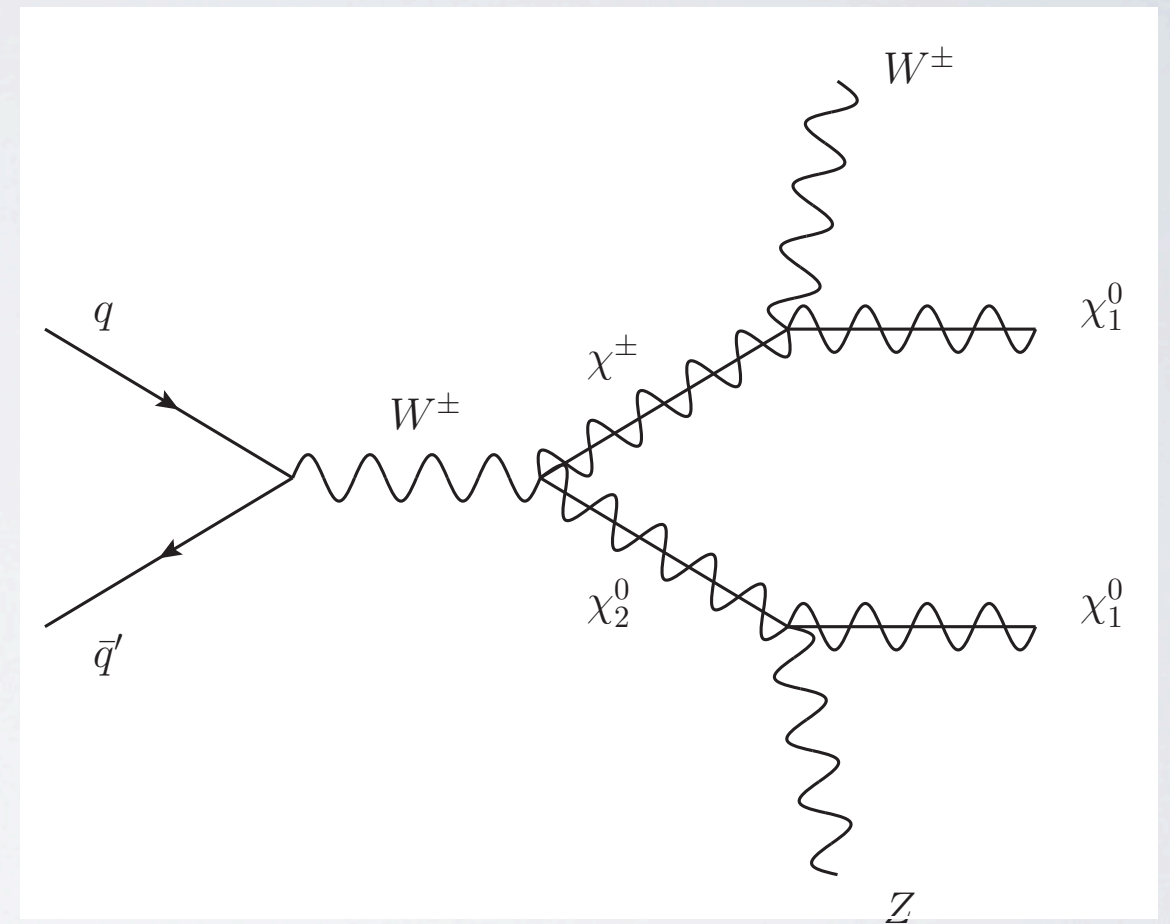
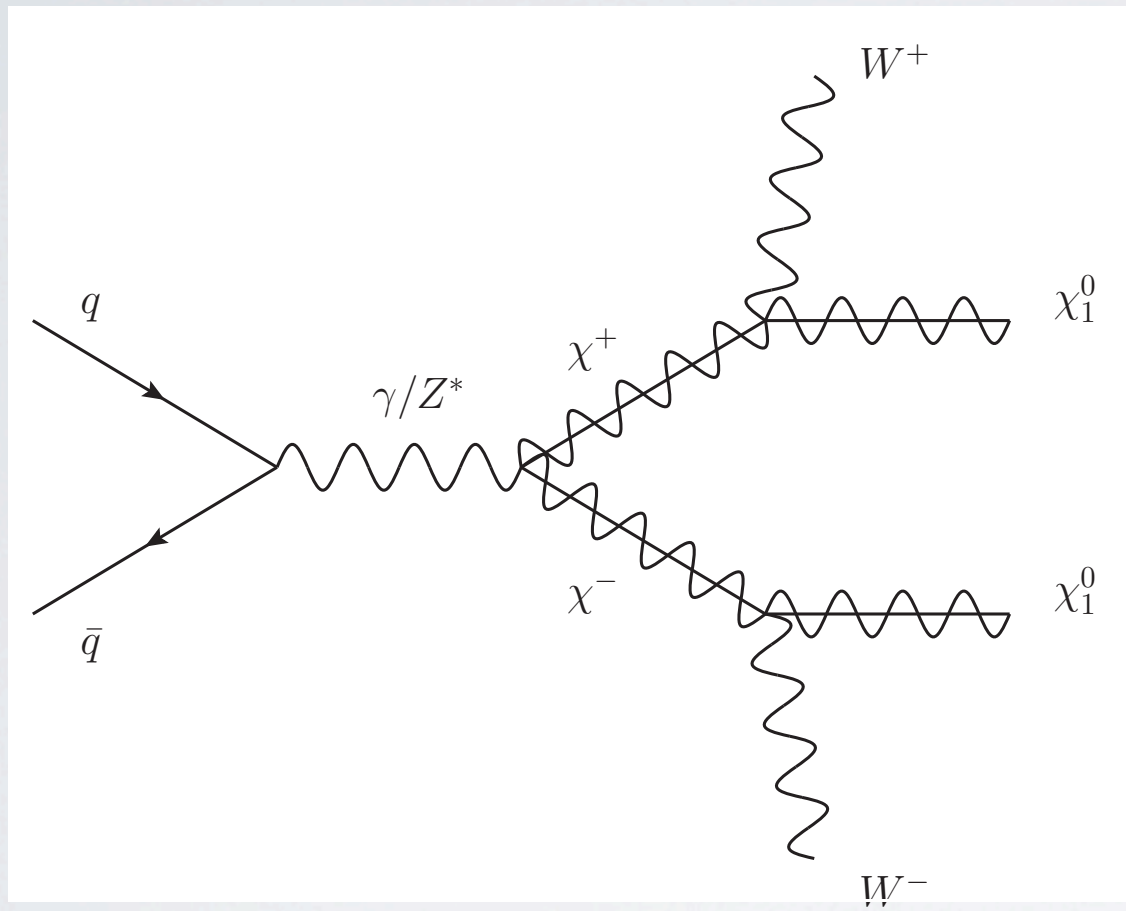
————  $\chi_1^\pm, \chi_2^0$      $O(100 \text{ GeV})$

*Could be at LEP limit!*

Amusingly the right point  
to affect the cross section significantly...

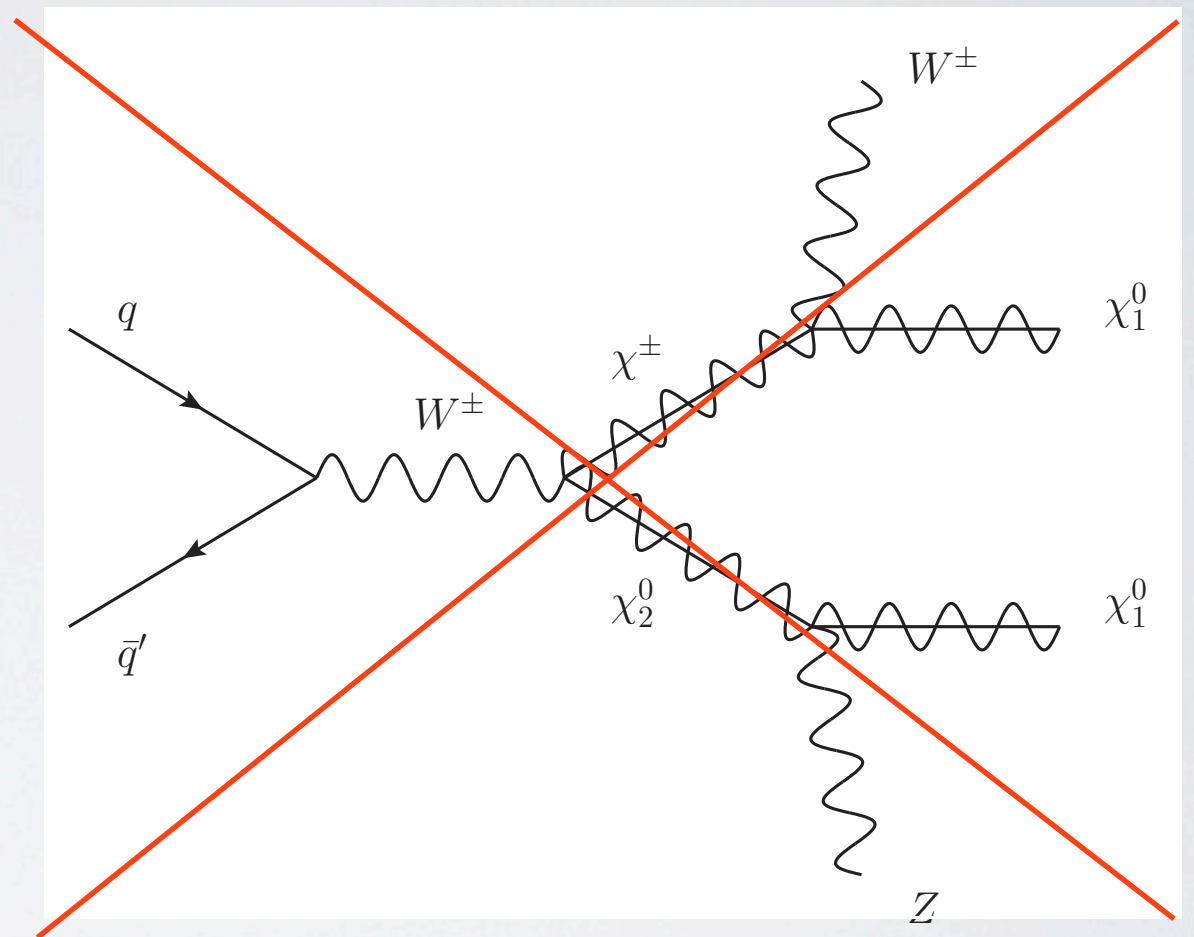
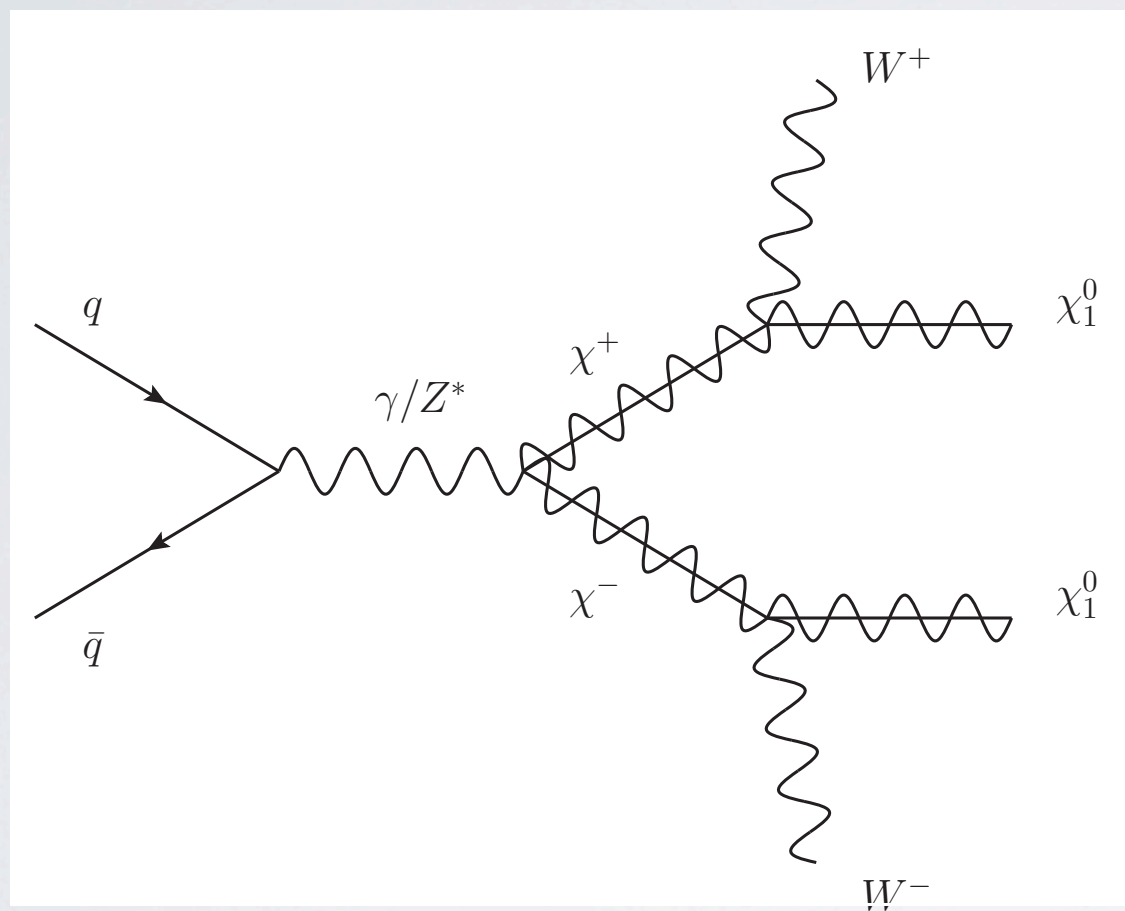
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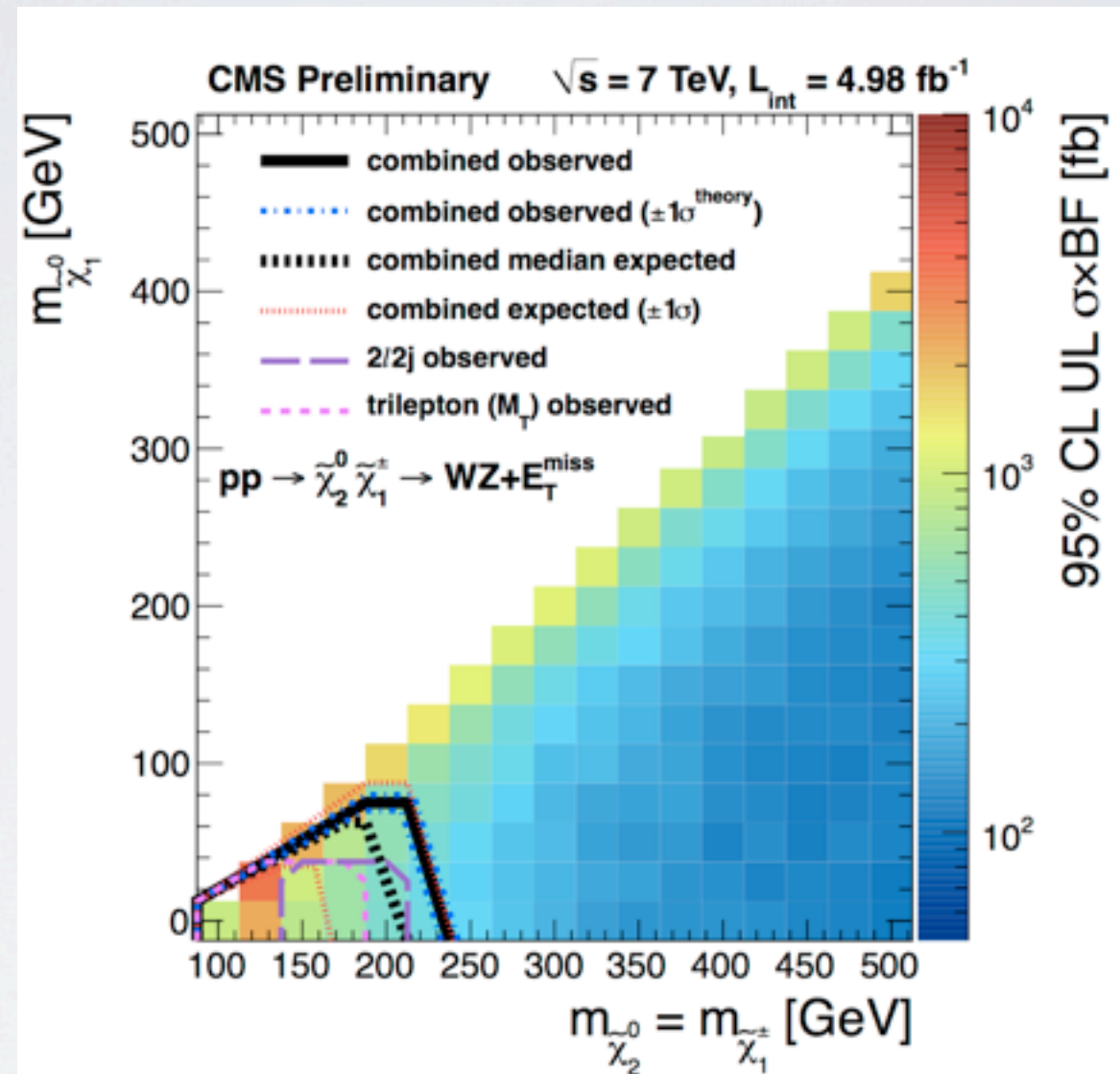
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Tied for second most  
interesting result of summer

# EW GAUGINO BOUNDS

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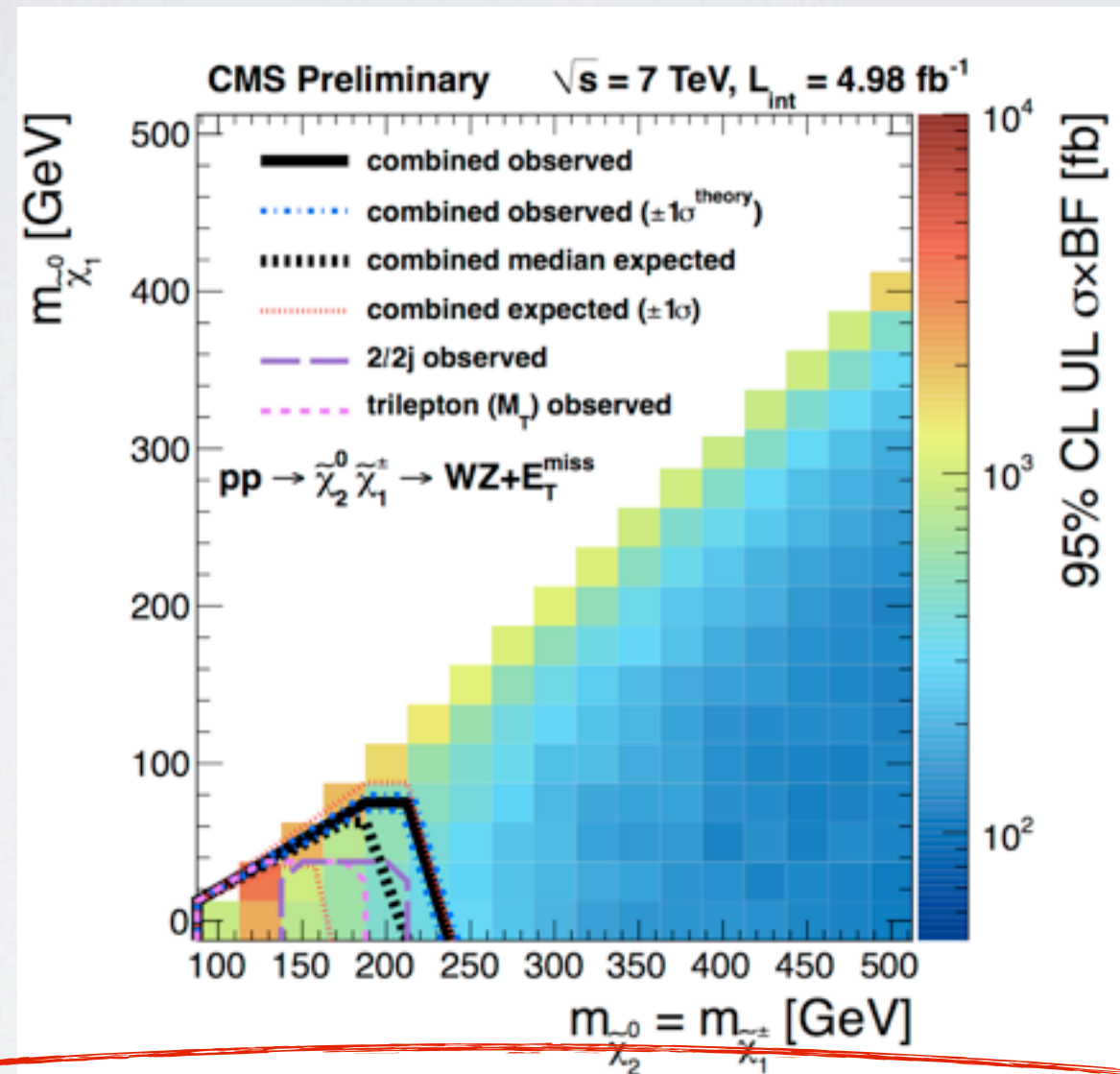


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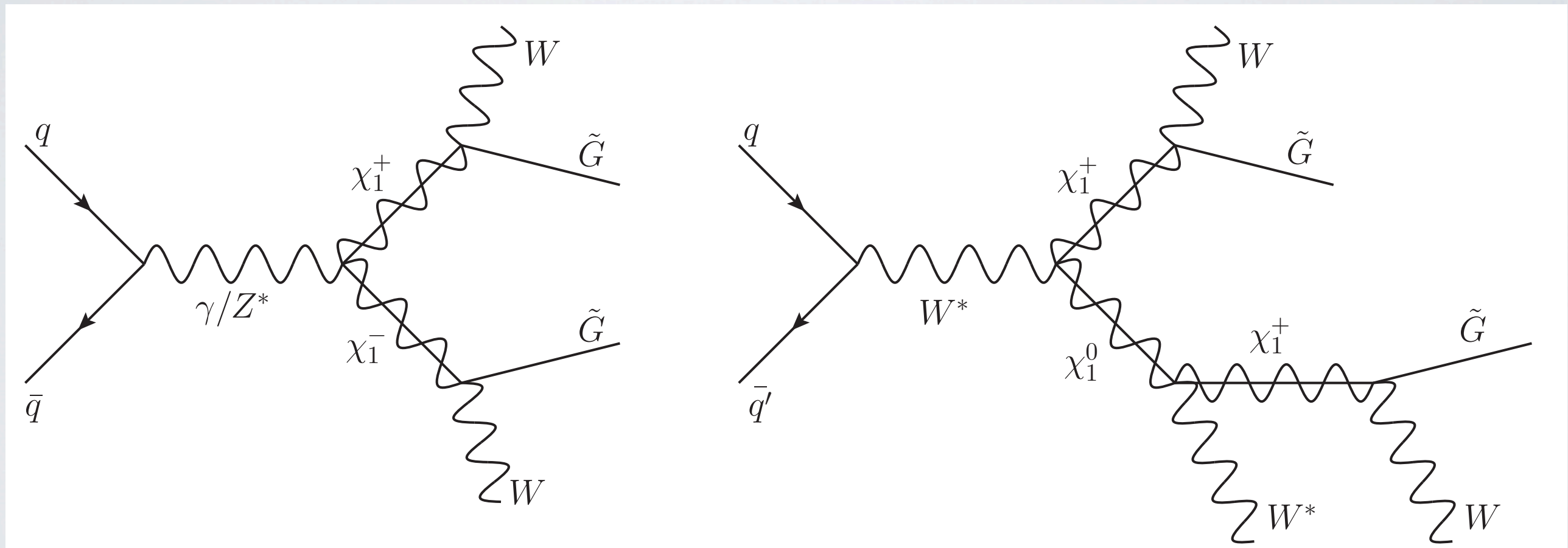
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(ours not ATLAS)

# ARE THERE WAYS OUT? WW WITHOUT WH AND WZ??

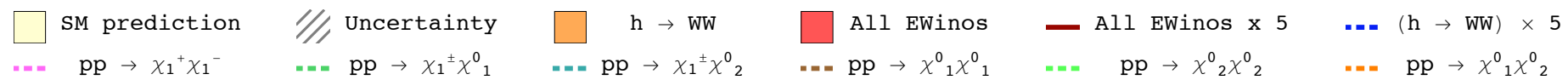
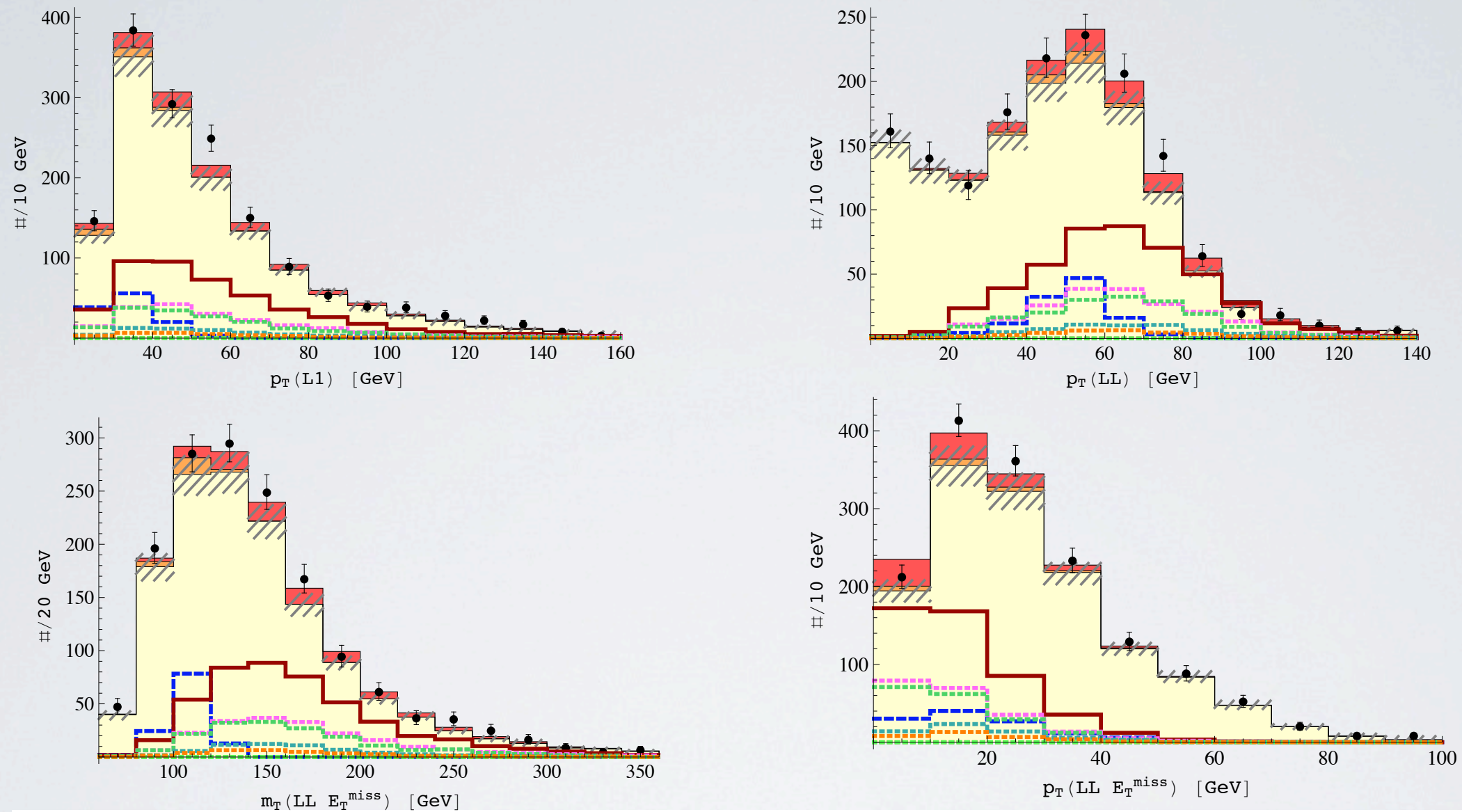
- Chargino NLSP (also have gravity setups with sleptons)
- low  $\tan \beta$ , large Wino-Higgsino mixing



$$\begin{aligned}
 m_{\chi_1^\pm} &\approx 110 \text{ GeV} & m_{\chi_2^0} &\approx 130 \text{ GeV} & \sigma_{NLO} &\sim 4.3 \text{ pb} \\
 m_{\chi_1^0} &\approx 113 \text{ GeV}
 \end{aligned}$$

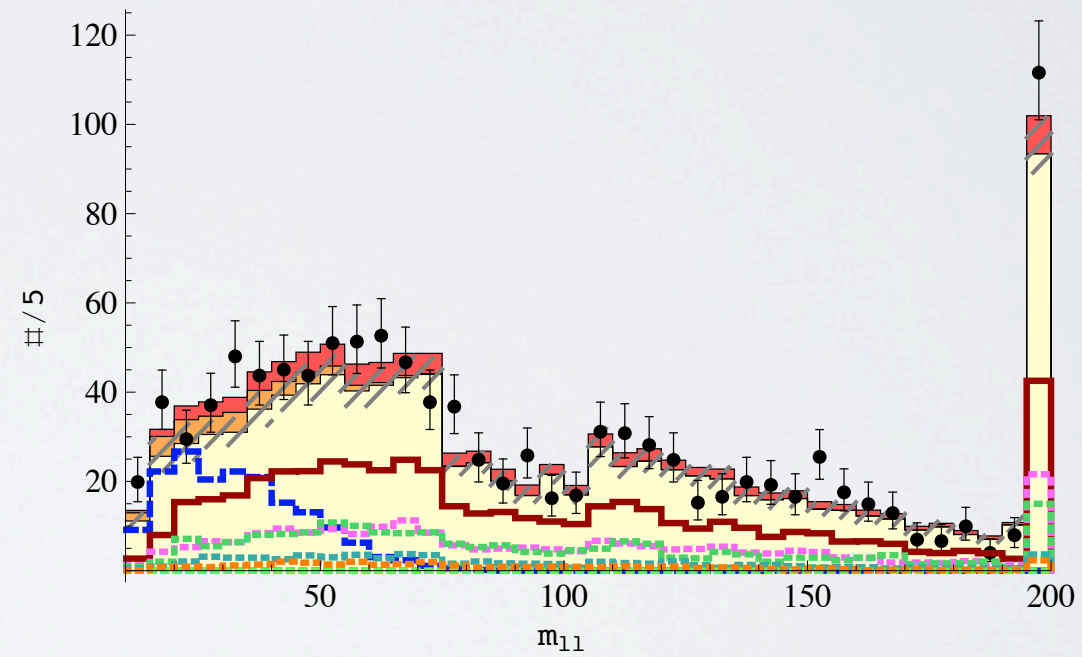
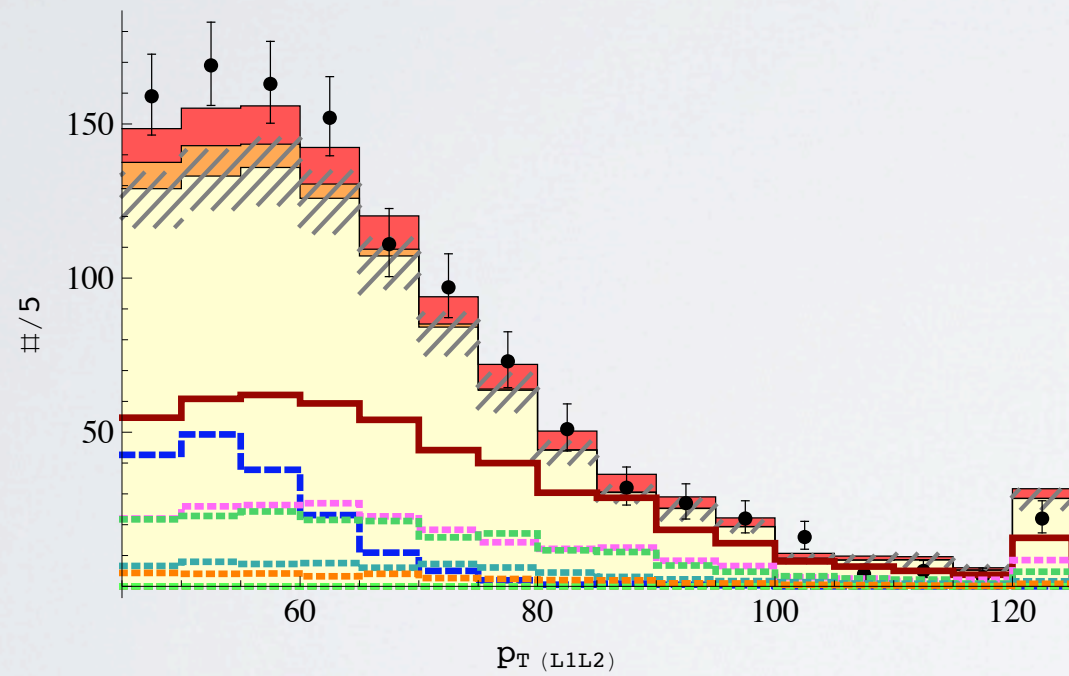
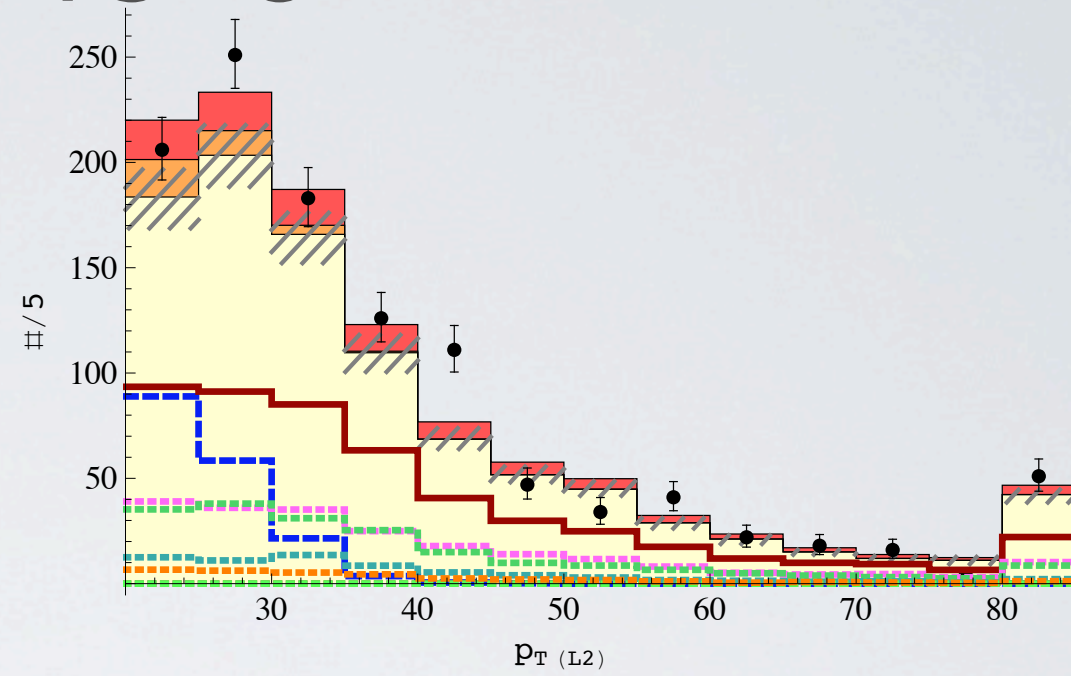
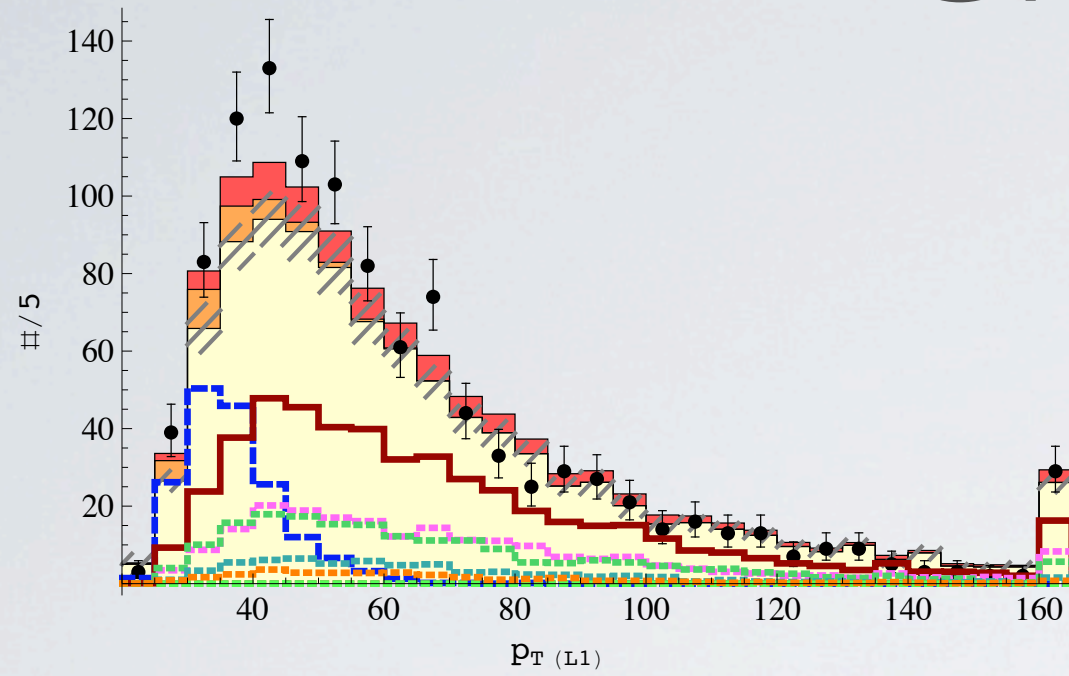


# ATLAS 7



$\chi^2$  cut in **half** compared to SM

# CMS 8



SM p-value .001

SM+h .1

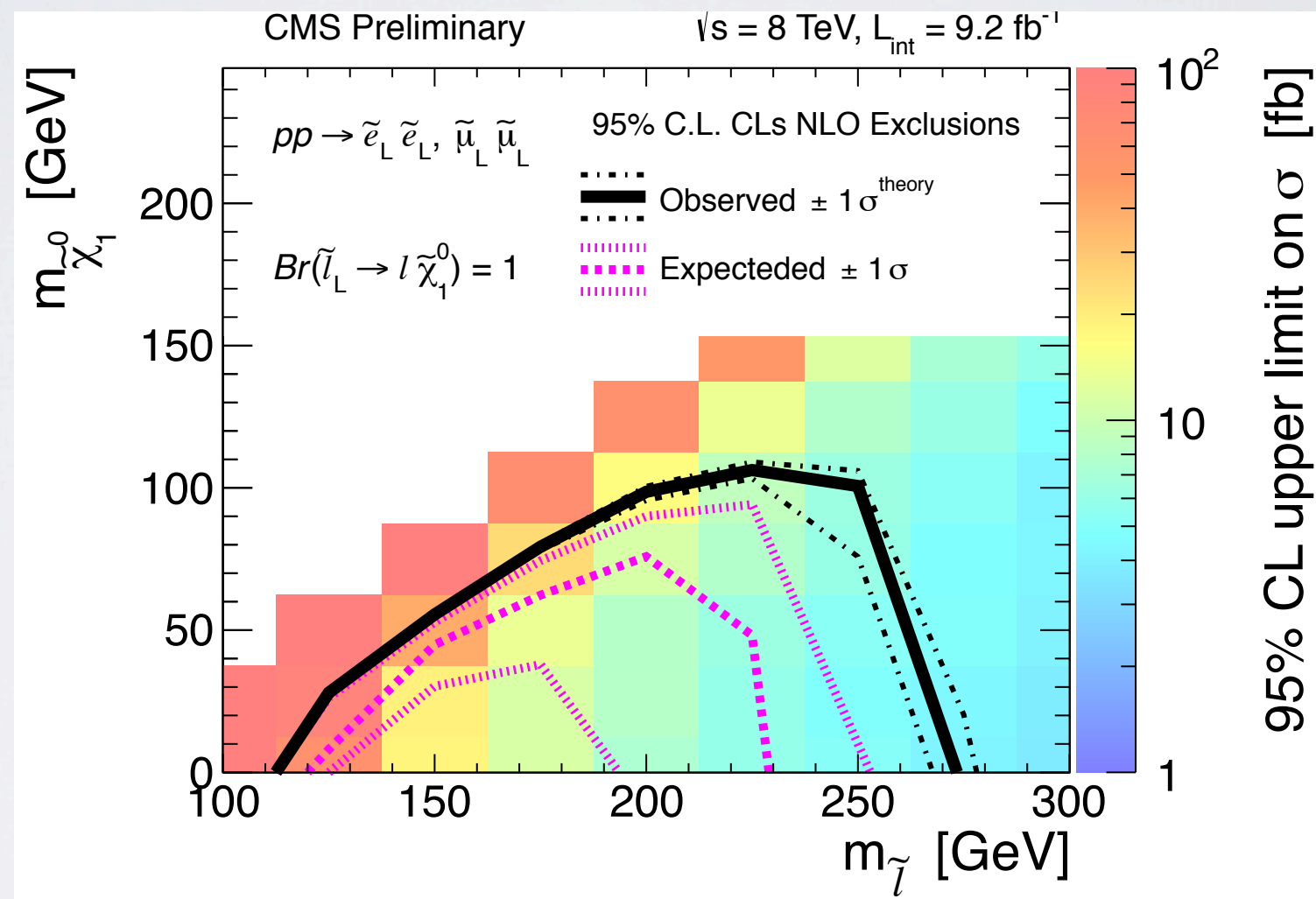
SM+charginos .3

SM+h+charginos .75



# CONSTRAINTS ON THIS SCENARIO

- SS dileptons
- OS dileptons



Remarkably everything works as of LHC

Still looking at HCP results!

# OTHER EFFECTS FROM NP

- Will not affect  $h \rightarrow W^+W^-$  **sensitivity** (most models that do this are dead at 9-10 sigma)
  - Shows up in **control** regions
- Amusingly increases  $h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  about 15%
- Same sign dileptons by end of 8 TeV should confirm/rule out
- Other transverse variables that can separate NP/SM WW/QCD



# OTHER POSSIBILITIES???

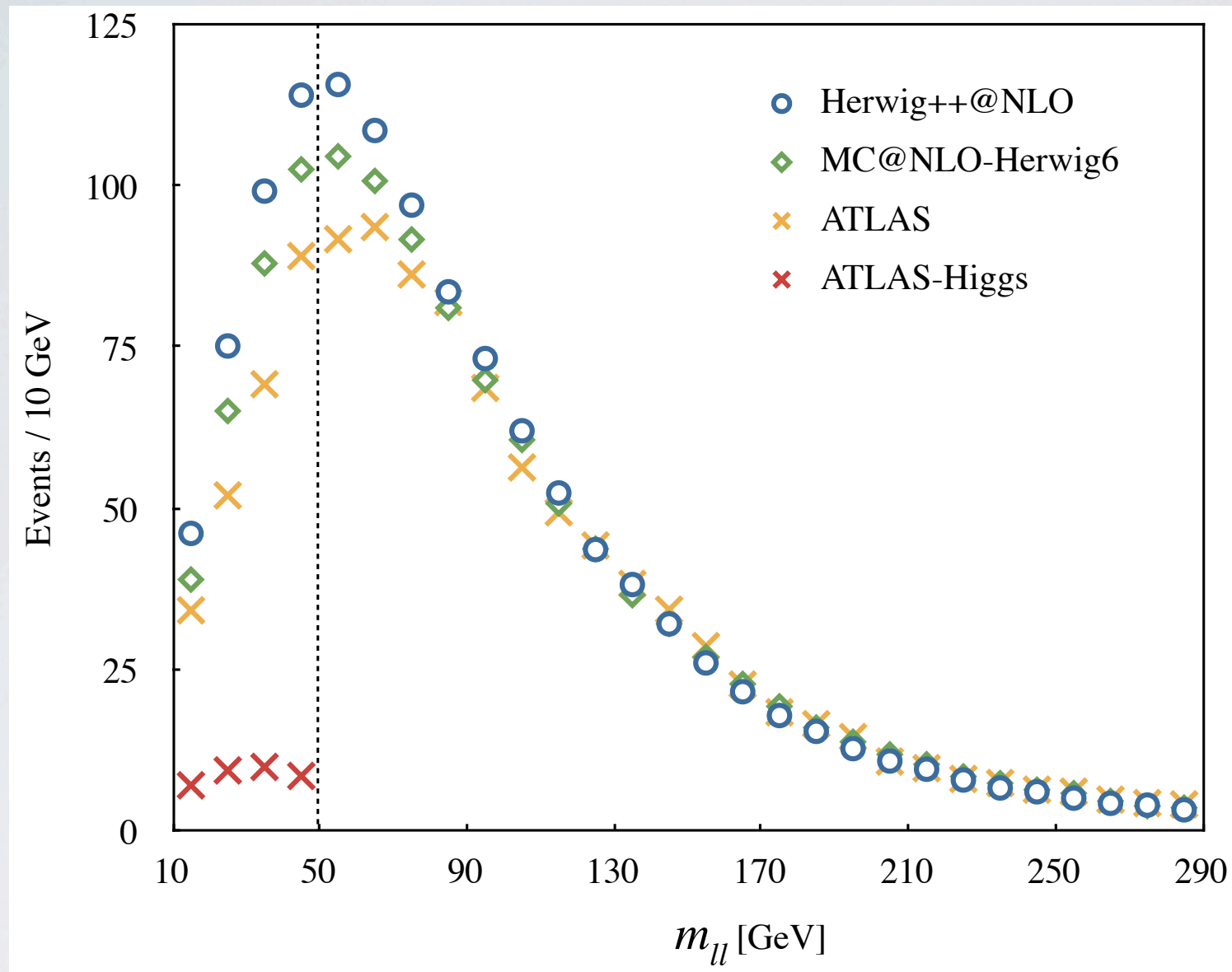
- Backgrounds Wrong - Negligible effect?
- WW cross section wrong (k-factors 1.6ish need a 20% effect)
  - higgs interferes destructively
  - EW NLO reduces as well
- Jet Veto Efficiency - Not what QCD naively wants to do

# CROSS SECTION WHAT DO WE KNOW??

- WW cross section @ NLO + parton shower
- What's the variation on this??
  - Apparently a good amount since ATLAS  $h \rightarrow WW$  switched from POWHEG/Pythia8 vs MC@NLO/Herwig for 7 TeV



# THEORIST MC SCAN...



Holdom  
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*Implications  
for Higgs searches!*

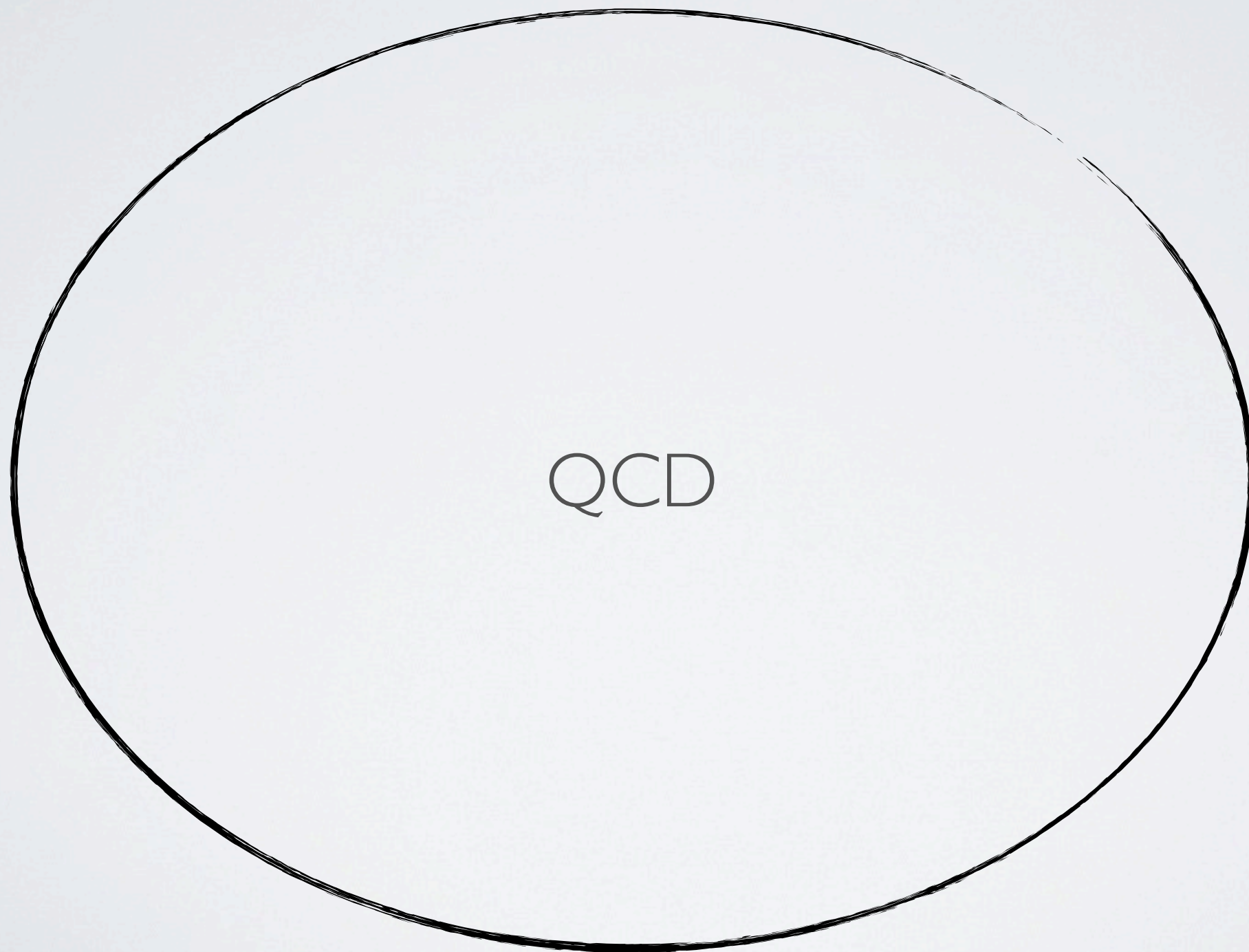
Figure 2: Comparison of  $m_{\ell\ell}$  distributions of the  $WW$  continuum background normalized in the  $80 < m_{\ell\ell} < 290$  GeV region. Only the ATLAS values include the full detector simulation. The two event generators do not include the  $gg \rightarrow WW$  contribution. Also shown is the simulated 125 GeV Higgs signal in the signal region. ATLAS results are obtained from Fig. (14b) [2].

# HOW MUCH DOES THIS MATTER IN THE END THOUGH?

- ATLAS and CMS got the same cross section at 7 TeV
  - CMS uses MADGRAPH for WW!!!!??
- We'd like to have some more reliable theory systematic estimate
  - NNLO
  - Resummation



# HOW DO WE GO FURTHER?



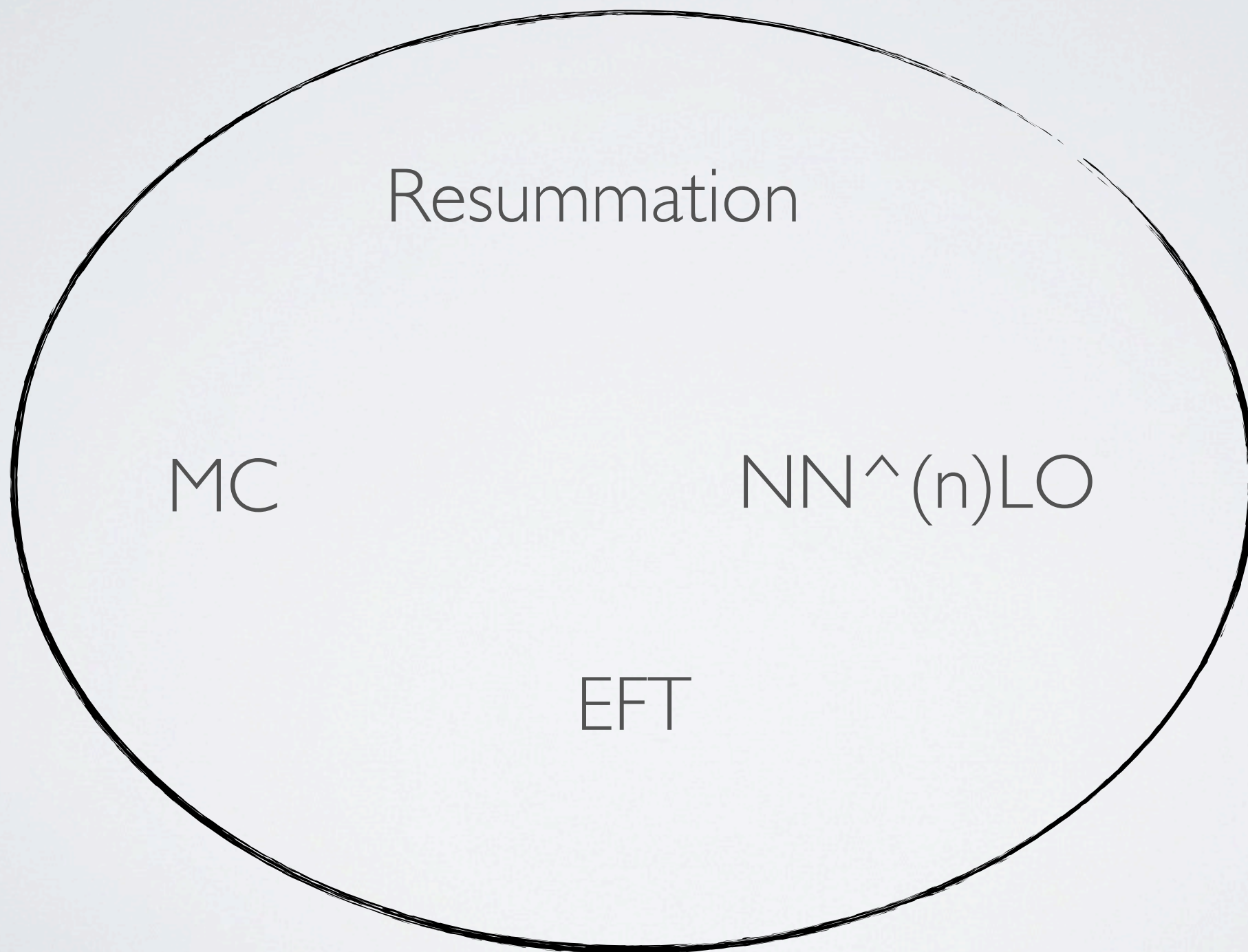


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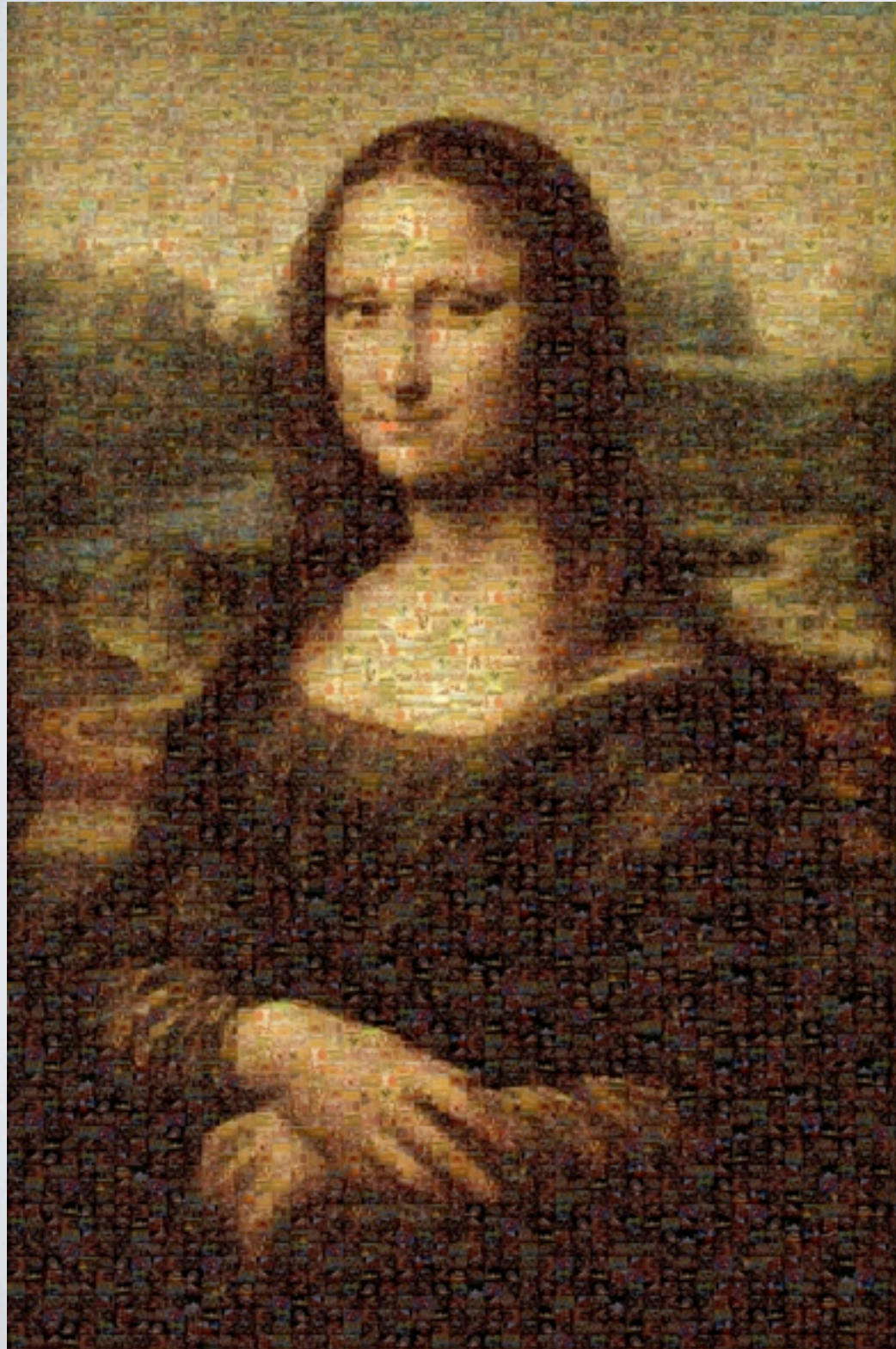


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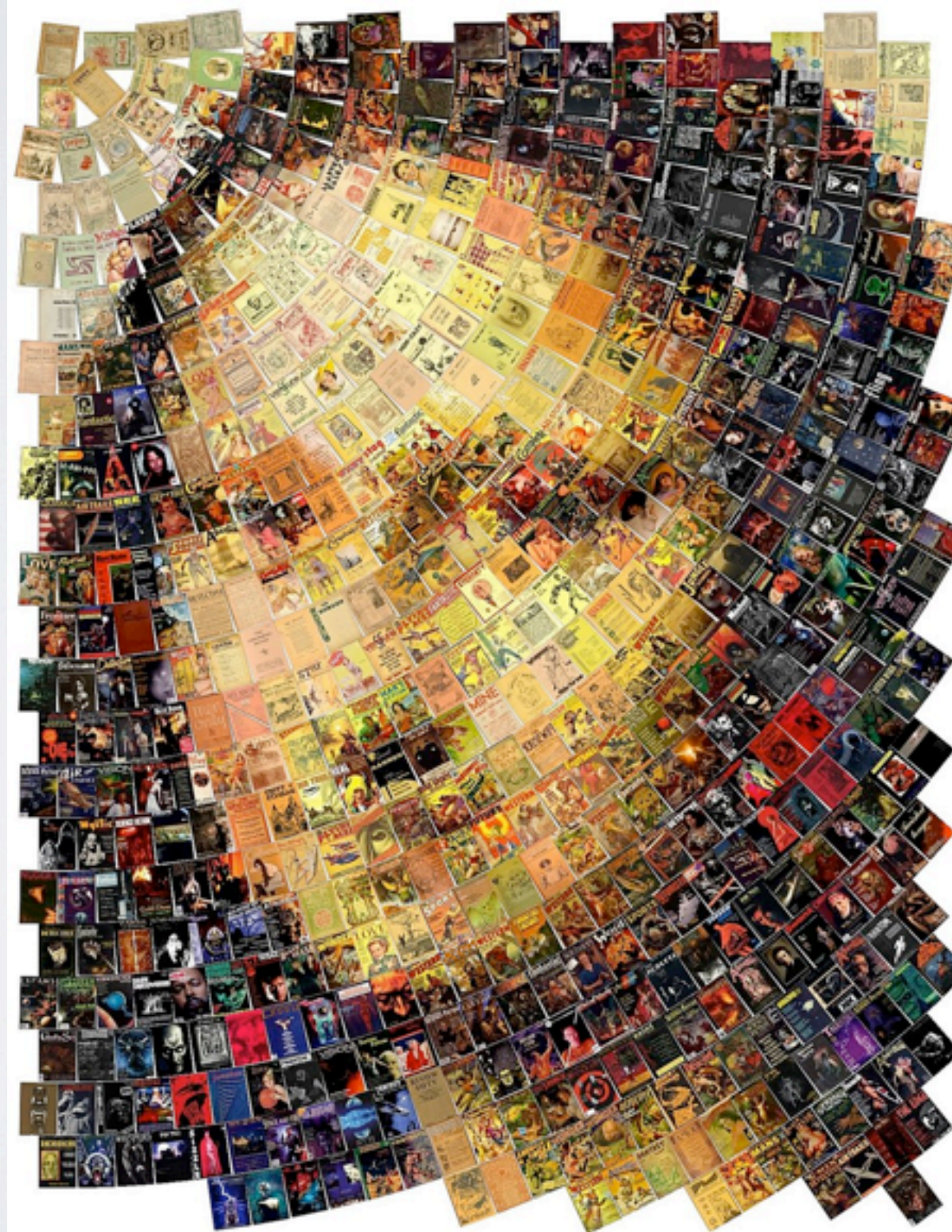


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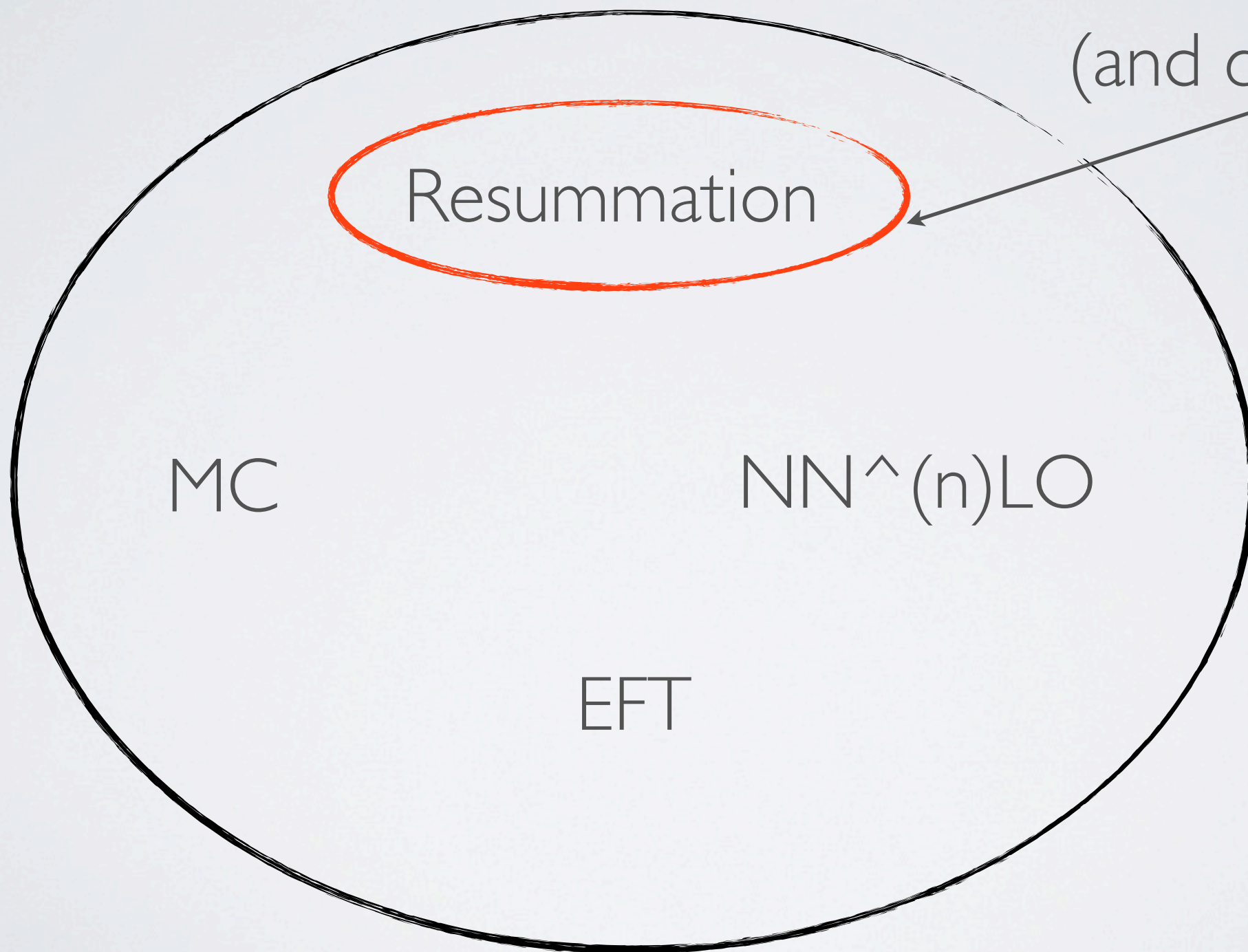
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# HOW DO WE GO FURTHER?

How to do this in  
the most useful way?  
(and quickly)





# CONCLUSIONS

- WW cross section is showing a trend from a theorists point of view, to the point that I'm thinking it's not a fluctuation... you can think whatever you want
- New physics CAN explain this and fit better than the SM
- SM calculations should be improved to NNLO+N<sup>(n)</sup>LL
- As long as you exclude fluctuation this is a very interesting channel to follow since it has ramifications all over the place...